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PPP hopeful of getting at least one ticket

IPOH, Wed. - The People's Progressive Party is still hoping to be given at least one parliamentary seat despite news that it would not be allocated any seat in the general election.

Its national youth chief T. Murugiah said at least one seat should be allocated to the party to enable its president Datuk M. Kayveas to contest.

Expressing his sadness, Murugiah said he had been deluged with phone calls from yesterday evening, from youth members who were greatly upset over the decision to exclude the PPP in the coming election.

He said Kayveas was also very upset over the news but had asked him to join the Barisan Nasional campaign.

The decision not to allocate any seat to the party was conveyed to Kayveas by Barisan Nasional chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday.

Murugiah said he would visit the Taiping, Selama, Bukit Gantang, Sitiawan and Pantai Remis divisions today, to ask the 6,000 youth members to continue to support BN.

"We will definitely work towards BN's victory and keep our promises."

He said since the 1995 election the PPP had increased its membership to 250,000 compared to less than 30,000 then.

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