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PPP wants its president to be made Senator

KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. - The People's Progressive Party's youth movement today called on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to appoint party president Datuk M. Kayveas a Senator.

PPP Youth chief T. Murugiah also called on Dr Mahathir to give Kayveas a position in the Government so that he could better serve the public.

Speaking at a Press conference, Murugiah said even if no senatorship or Government post was given to Kayveas, the PPP would continue to be a staunch supporter of the Barisan Nasional.

"The number of positions that Dr Mahathir wants to provide the PPP is of course his prerogative," Murugiah said, adding that the party was not a component of the BN just to get positions.

"We will always be part of the BN regardless of any situation," he said at the PPP headquarters.

He said PPP Youth would appoint a special team to assess the political situation in Kelantan and Terengganu.

Murugiah claimed that of its 250,000 members, 200,000 were registered voters and the party hoped to increase its membership to 500,000, 400,000 of them registered voters.

Later, Kayveas said that Dr Mahathir had confirmed he would attend PPP's New Year open house on Jan 1 at the Putra World Trade Centre.

"Everyone is invited - its everybody's `New Year Birthday'," Kayveas said.

The open house will be held just after 7pm in view of the fasting month and will go on till 10pm.

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