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P.PINANG PPP PLEDGES SUPPORT FOR KAYVEAS

PULAU PINANG, Sept 21 (Bernama) -- The People's Progressive Party (PPP) in Pulau Pinang today pledged support for Datuk M. Kayveas as the president of the party.

The State PPP, including its youth and women's wings, was united in its stand that no one else should claim to be the president of the party, said its vice chairman Dr Balbinder Singh Bhar.

"Kayveas is our president and he has made great sacrifices for the party which he has helped to mould into what it is today, a strong political force with a membership exceeding 250,000," he said in a statement here.

On Saturday, the High Court in Seremban ruled that the Registrar of Societies' recognition of Kayveas as PPP president was null and void.

"We in Pulau Pinang PPP are saddened by the verdict given by the High Court and hope that the attorney-general will appeal to set aside this verdict, and we call on all PPP members to keep calm and level headed and not to panic as the PPP has successfully weathered many such storms and political hurricanes," said Barbinder.

He said the party had enjoyed favourable recognition by the Barisan Nasional (BN) in all states where it was active and "Kayveas is a leader who is far sighted and has a vision for the future of the party in the Malaysian political arena".

Pulau Pinang PPP hoped that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is BN chairman, would not meet "the disgruntled people who are a liability both to the PPP and the BN", he added.

He is believed to be referring to former PPP secretary-general P.V.Das and other former members. Das, who had filed the High Court suit, is staking a claim on the PPP presidency.

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