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5,000 PPP members want their party leader to resign

SHAH ALAM, Sun. - About 5,000 People's Progressive Party members from four States and the Federal Territory today urged party president Datuk M. Kayveas to step down.

Their spokesman, Alex Thiagarasan, the former Selangor PPP chairman, said members would start a nationwide signature campaign against Kayveas if he declined to resign.

He said the list would be handed to Barisan Nasional president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and the Registrar of Societies.

The members had earlier arrived at the at Dewan MPSA in Section 11 in 20 bus-loads from Malacca, Kedah, Johor, Selangor and the Federal Territory.

Thiagarasan said members had lost confidence in Kayveas whom he claimed had sacked people at national and State levels and appointed his supporters.

He added more than 30,000 PPP leaders and members had wanted to resign but had been told to remain.

On why he resigned, Thiagarasan said matters almost came to a standstill in Selangor when a letter dated May 11 and signed by Kayveas was received which stated that the elected State committee will be allowed to carry on for the next six months only.

"How can he give the State committee six months when they are elected for a term of five years from 1996 to 2001?"

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