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PPP FACTION WANTS PARTY'S ANNUAL DELEGATES CONFERENCE STOPPED

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 12 (Bernama) -- The legal tussle in the People's Progressive Party (PPP) took another twist today after one faction claiming to be the rightful officials of the party submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister's office.

The faction wants the party's annual delegates conference, slated for Saturday, stopped as it said that "by holding the convention Kayveas (PPP Baru president Datuk M. Kayveas) is blatantly disregarding the court order."

The memorandum was submitted to the offices of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Dr Rais Yatim.

The memorandum, signed by P.V.Das who identified himself as "president", claimed that PPP (Baru) is not a genuine component of the Barisan Nasional (BN) as it was not registered under the provisions of the Societies Act as ruled by the Seremban High Court in September last year.

"The registration No. 430 does not belong to PPP (Baru) as the legitimate party under registration No. 430 is the PPP formed in 1953, which is a BN component.

"Hence PPP (Baru)'s notice to convene the conference on Oct 14 under registration No. 430 is null and void," he said in the memorandum.

The Seremban High Court last year ruled that Kayveas is a non-member of PPP and all his activities carried out in the name of the party since 1993 are illegal including amendment of the party's constitution and the change in its logo.

Subsequently, Kayveas obtained a stay of execution from the Court of Appeal on the order, pending appeal against the Seremban High Court's decision.

Das said that although the Seremban High Court order was stayed it had not been set aside yet.

He claimed that Kayveas, in calling for a PPP conference under the registration no. 430, was committing contempt of court as he should wait for the outcome of the appeal.

He wants Dr Mahathir to abstain from opening the convention under the leadership of Kayveas, until the decision of the Court of Appeal is delivered.

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