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PPP to check on role played by councillors

IPOH, Sat. - The People's Progressive Party today said it will not nominate again councillors to local governments if they supported any move to change road names without consulting the relevant parties.

PPP president Datuk M. Kayveas said any road name alterations must be done after obtaining feedback from the public.

He said this in response to the recent incident in which the Ipoh City Council had changed Jalan Koo Chong Kong to Jalan Tabung Haji without considering the sensitivity of certain parties.

The council had admitted that it was an oversight on its part when it changed the name following protests.

The council had the name reverted to Jalan Koo Chong Kong last Tuesday.

The late Tan Sri Koo Chong Kong was the former Perak police chief who was shot by two communists terrorists while on his way home on Nov 13, 1975.

He was appointed as police chief in 1975 to quell growing communist threats in the State. The two terrorists were subsequently arrested, tried and hanged.

Kayveas, who is Deputy Housing and Local Government Minister, said he was interested in finding out if any PPP member in the council was involved in endorsing the change in the road name.

The PPP has three representatives in the 24-man council.

"I am personally investigating the matter. If I find any PPP member is involved, he will not be nominated again," he said after presenting a contribution of 10,000 bottles of mineral water by the PPP Youth wing to the Afghanistan Refugee Fund here today.

The contribution was handed over to Perak Umno Youth chief Nasir Ismail.

Kayveas said using names of famous people on road signs was a novel way to remember them.

In another development, Kayveas called on the Government to continue with its crackdown on terrorists, including members of the Kumpulan Militant Malaysia.

He said the Government should use the Internal Security Act.

"I urge the public to alert the police."

He said the PPP 48th general assembly would be held in Kuala Lumpur on Dec 29 at the Putra World Trade Centre and was expected to be opened by Prime Minister and Barisan Nasional chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

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