

Kayveas: PPP ready to assume bigger role in Barisan

KUALA LUMPUR: The PPP wants 12 parliamentary and 21 state seats in the coming general elections as its membership has increased eight-fold.

Party president Datuk M. Kayveas said they were ready to assume a bigger role in Barisan Nasional as their membership had increased from 40,000 members in 1972 to 320,000.

"It is the right time. We think we can handle the new seats. PPP is ready. We hope the seats are given to us and we will deliver them," he said.

"It (the seats) should be given on merit. If the (Barisan) chairman feels we have the merit then we will accept the seats," he said, adding that they had identified their interests but were unwilling to disclose details.

At the PPP Youth annual general assembly held at the Putra World Trade Centre yesterday, delegates passed a resolution for its supreme council to request for 12 parliamentary and 21 state seats from Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

PPP had eight parliament seats and 18 state assembly seats in 1972.

They contested for the Pantai Remis, Hulu Kinta and Kepayang state seats in 1986, winning only Hulu Kinta.