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PPP can deliver if given seats, says Kayveas

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - Peoples' Progressive Party president Datuk M. Kayveas said today the party was confident it can deliver if given seats to contest in the next general election.

Earlier, PPP Youth chief T. Murugiah had urged Kayveas to ask Barisan Nasional for seats following the creation of new parliamentary and State constituencies.

Murugiah made the call in his speech at the opening of the PPP Youth assembly today.

The assembly passed a resolution proposing that Kayveas and the PPP supreme council ask for 21 state and 12 parliamentary seats. So far it has no seat.

Kayveas said PPP still had a chance to be given seats since some component parties had said they would not be asking for additional seats.

"There are also those who said they would study the matter first. Anyway, we leave this matter to (BN chairman) Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad," he said at a Press conference.

In his address to the delegates, Kayveas told the youth wing to take the lead to strengthen race relations.

He said as a multi-racial party, PPP Youth must not only maintain racial harmony among its members, but also prove that its political strength was because of its racial composition.

Kayveas said the members should help tackle racial polarisation.

Progress and peace had made many Malaysians comfortable, forgetting the hardship faced by earlier generations, he said.

He also reminded youth members that any wrong move would tarnish the party's image.

"We can be loud in voicing our views as this is allowed in a democratic system, but we have to understand that freedom without limitation can land the party and its leaders in an unpleasant situation," he added.