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NO CLOSE TIES BETWEEN PPP AND MCA IN PENANG, SAYS KAYVEAS

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 30 (Bernama) -- The People's Progressive Party (PPP) president, Datuk M. Kayveas, today urged the MCA to forge brotherly ties with other smaller parties besides Gerakan.

"We welcome the brotherly cooperation between MCA and Gerakan to strengthen ties but unfortunately such bonding does not exist between PPP and MCA, he lamented.

"If MCA is willing to work closely with Gerakan, it must also take care of other parties. But this is not so, MCA has an indifferent attitude towards PPP, especially in Penang.

"Senior party presidents must also respect other Barisan Nasional (BN) component party leaders, irrespective of whether these parties are big or rich. We must see how much support a party has," Kayveas told reporters after presenting foodstuff worth RM3,000 to five welfare homes in conjunction with the party's Merdeka Charity Day at its headquarters, here.

Kayveas stressed that a cordial relationship was pivotal among BN component parties, which are from diverse backgrounds, to consolidated their support to face the impending general election.

"PPP hopes the sibling relationship is not only limited to the two parties but also applies to all other component parties. Respect and (good) relationship must be established, irrespective of the party's ideology and whether it is big or small," he said.

He urged all the 14 component parties to maintain BN's tradition of close cooperation to ensure that the BN defeated the opposition, which was the ultimate objective.

"Although our ideologies may differ, all component parties must unite as BN and our objective is to give the best services to the people. The sabotage culture during election must be avoided," he said.

He said the party's supreme council meeting today would discuss PPP's annual general meeting (AGM) to be held on Oct 28, and the Youth and Wanita elections to be held a day earlier.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is expected to open the meeting and it would be the last AGM before he retires in October.

"Everybody is competing to give him his farewell but PPP has its own style of paying tribute to the prime minister. It will be a simple but a memorable one. We will surprise him," he said.

Meanwhile, on gangsterism that had reared its ugly head again in colleges recently, Kayveas urged parents to be more serious in guiding their children on the type of movies and programmes they watched.

"Although programmes in the country have been classified into various categories such as 18SX, 18PA and 18PL, parents are not stressing the issue. Instead they allow their children to watch any films they wish," he said.

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