



**Independent rep Keshvinder to join PPP
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Malim Nawar assemblyperson Keshvinder Singh who quit DAP in June to become an Independent representative, today announced that he would be joining the People's Progressive Party (PPP).

He said he decided to join PPP, a Barisan Nasional (BN) component party, after being invited to do so by its vice-president Nik Sapeia Nik Yusoff.

Keshvinder will be submitting his application form to PPP president M Kayveas when the latter returns from overseas soon.

On June 15, Keshvinder announced that he quit DAP.

"After considering that PPP is a multi-racial party, a concept which is close to my heart, I accepted the invitation," he told reporters at the Aidilfitri open house of Yayasan Bina Upaya and Institut Darul Ridzuan in Ipoh today.

"Several matters needed to be taken into consideration before I decided to join PPP. I am waiting for the PPP president to return from abroad to discuss the matter with him."

He said PPP, as a multi-racial party, was in line with the 1Malaysia concept. "It has Indian, Malay and Chinese members. It is suitable for me," he added.

Perak Menteri Besar and state BN chairman Zambry Abdul Kadir when met at the function, described Keshvinder's decision as wise.

He urged other opposition elected representatives who want a "change of air", especially from the DAP which is now facing a crisis in Perak, to follow the Malim Nawar assemblyman's move.

"We welcome anyone to join BN provided the person is willing to accept BN's struggle," he said.

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