

# Gerakan started the quarrel, says Kayveas

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** "Who should be grateful to whom".

This was the immediate response of PPP president Datuk M. Kayveas to Gerakan president Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik.

"The Sungei Renggam seat was given to Gerakan in replacement of the Taiping seat to PPP. So what is there to be thankful for," he said.

It is Dr Lim who should be grateful to PPP for having given him the party's Jalong State Assembly seat and later the Beruas MP seat, said Kayveas.

The Jalong Assemblyman is Datuk Chang Ko Youn and Beruas MP is Dr Lim.

Kayveas said he did not understand why all these issues were being raised when all that he wanted to do was just concentrate on his party work, his constituency and his ministerial duties.

"Why point the finger at me as though I brought about the Taiping seat issue."

Kayveas said it all started with Gerakan's Bukit Gantang MP Tan Lian Hoe who was appointed as Taiping BN constituency chairman in June last year stating that her first task was to take back the Taiping seat from the PPP.

"Tan called for a Press confer-

## Najib to meet bickering duo

**PEKAN:** Datuk Seri Najib Razak will meet the presidents of Gerakan and the People's Progressive Party to put a stop to the on-going spat.

Najib, who is BN deputy chairman, plans to meet Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik and Datuk M. Kayveas next week.

"I have not decided whether to meet them individually or together but I will talk to Dr Lim

and Kayveas next week," he said when asked to comment on the war of words between the two leaders and other office bearers of the two political parties.

He said it was not proper for leaders of Barisan Nasional component parties to bicker as it goes against the BN spirit of co-operating and supporting each other.

ence and announced her intention to take back the seat from PPP and Chang in September also stated that Gerakan will take back the Taiping seat."

Kayveas said when he responded, they started attacking him and his party.

"How can I keep quiet when they start hurling accusations at us. That is why I retaliated."

He said he never raised the issue of the Taiping constituency BN chief's position as he wanted the five-year term to finish.

Kayveas said Gerakan looked like a bunch of jokers because when he raised the issue of Lim being sacked from MCA, it was initially denied, and when told

that he had said: "No, PPP in five years", it was denied.

He said when he showed the newspaper cuttings, Dr Lim admitted he was sacked by the MCA.

"I could have made mistakes in the date or year, but the fact is he was sacked by MCA and he did say 'No PPP in five years.'"

Kayveas said when Dr Lim's political career was finished when he was sacked by the MCA, it was the PPP that gave up the Jalong State Assembly seat in 1978 for him to contest.

"It was PPP who later gave up the Beruas seat for him to contest in 1986. Now who needs to be grateful to whom?"

When told that the Gerakan will



PPP president Datuk M. Kayveas slammed his Gerakan counterpart

not boycott PPP's programme except his, Kayveas said: "I am nobody without a party and neither is Dr Lim without a party. You cannot take the president away from the party. So what is he talking about."

Anyway, he said, there was nothing for Gerakan to boycott.

Asked to comment on Dr Lim's statement that he (Kayveas) had wanted him to resign as minister so that he could become a full minister, Kayveas said: "I think I will do a better job. If he really wants to give up, I will take it."