

# Dr M's speech an inspiration — **Samy Vellu**

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MIC President Datuk S. Samy Vellu praised Umno President Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's speech which he said "should be an inspiration" to everyone in the country.

He described Dr Mahathir's speech as strong; it contained "warnings" issued at the right time.

Datuk Samy Vellu said Dr Mahathir's direct attack against certain groups was necessary for the protection of a nation in transition.

He said the country could not afford to have people who were misguided and irresponsible.

"I anticipated that Dr Mahathir would come out strong in his speech and I am glad he did," he said.

Datuk Samy Vellu further said Dr Mahathir was apt in stressing the importance of unity above self-interest.

What was said by the Umno President would also help towards better understanding and co-operation among the races, he added.

He said Dr Mahathir's attack against extremist groups and union leaders in the country was made at the right time.

"No one should question the rights and privileges that have already been decided ... It should serve as a reminder to the other races that certain understandings are

for a very long time."

Datuk Samy Vellu gave the assurance that at no time would the Malaysian Indians fall for the words and promises of extremist groups.

"We will always support the New Economic Policy ... We live and die with Umno. No one is qualified to rule the country but Umno," he said, to the applause of Umno delegates who had gathered to listen to the MIC leader who met the Press after the opening of the Umno Assembly.