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JOHOR BA HARU, March 23¹⁹¹ (Bernama) -- MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu today advised the people to be wary of a third form of +subversion+ which he said was aimed at discrediting the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

+I call it social subversion. This talking bad about the prime minister and unfounded lies about his health,+ he told reporters after laying the foundation stone of the Sri Subramaniam Temple here.

He said Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir was well and healthy and that he +should know better about it+, as he met the prime minister once every two days.

Datuk Seri Samy Vellu was referring to recent rumours that the prime minister was ill and needed another operation.

He said the nation survived the first form of subversion brought on by communist insurgency and the second +political+ subversion last year when the people were led to believe that the Barisan Nasional would go to the dogs when the Parti Bersatu Sabah (PBS) withdrew from the coalition. -- more

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+They were wrong. They thought they could divide and rule but they cannot divide the strength of Umno,+ he said.

Datuk Seri Samy Vellu said the rumours were aimed at breaking the trust of the people in Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir.

+But they were all lies. The prime minister is fit. He goes horse-riding and sometimes plays a little golf as a form of exercise,+ he added.

Datuk Seri Samy Vellu also hit out at certain MIC leaders in Kedah whose request for a seat in the state executive council was rejected by the menteri besar last Wednesday.

+It will be a good lesson for them as these matters are decided by the higher hierarchy of the Barisan Nasional and not some greedy leaders who decide on their own,+ he added.

On Wednesday, state MIC chairman V. Saravanan said the Menteri Besar, Datuk Seri Osman Aroff, had rejected the MIC request for the seat and said it belonged to Umno. -- Bernama

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