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MIC DELEGATES IN HIGH SPIRITS DESPITE DINNER DISRUPTION

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 4 (Bernama) -- The more than 1,350 delegates to the 43rd MIC General Assembly were in high spirits despite the cancellation last night of the highlight of the party's golden jubilee celebration, an official dinner, because of the peninsulawide blackout.

In high spirits, the delegates debated the various resolutions and two amendments to the party constitution today.

They remained cheerful throughout the assembly proceedings when delegates raised several issues affecting Indians in this country.

Meanwhile MIC President Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu, who moved around the dinner tables that had been laid out at the Putra World Trade Centre last night told the delegates who sat in the dark, that darkness was not alien to the Indians.

They had experienced darkness in the estates in the early days when there was no power supply to the plantations.

Speaking to reporters after closing the two-day assembly, Samy Vellu said the MIC incurred a loss of RM250,000 due to the blackout and the cancellation of the dinner which was to have been attended by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and other dignitaries.

He said the MIC would not take any action against the Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) even though it had the right to seek compensation from the TNB. -- BERNAMA

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