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Indian community urged to support BN candidate

TAIPING, Wed. - The Indian Progressive Front yesterday urged the Indian community to come out in full force to support the Barisan Nasional candidate on nomination day for the Changkat Jering by-election.

The plea was made despite the date being close to Deepavali celebrations.

Its president Senator M.G. Pandithan also appealed to non-governmental organisations to give support to the BN candidate.

"As the Government under the able leadership of Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has done a lot to improve the lot of the Indian community, they should show their support by voting for the BN candidate."

He added that Indian housewives, despite the festive season, should turn up to support the BN candidate.

The Changkat Jering by-election was called following the death of State Assemblyman Datuk Mohamed Razlan Abdul Hamid on Sept 26. Nominations will be held on Oct 29 and if there is a contest polling will be on Nov 8.

Pandithan said about 1,000 party supporters were expected to accompany the BN candidate on nomination day.

He also urged politicians not to make false promises during the run up to the election to win votes.

"If the promises are not kept, the public will lose faith with the party concerned," he said, adding that the Indian Progressive Front, although not a component member of the BN, will ensure that its members turn up in full force for the Sungai Bakap by-election to support the BN candidate.

Meanwhile, Pandithan said about 50 Indian NGO's would voice their support for the Prime Minister on Oct 20 in Kuala Lumpur to stay on and lead the country to greater heights.

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