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MIC SUBMITS THREE NAMES FOR PERAK EXCO POST

IPOH, July 27 (Bernama) -- The MIC has submitted three names to Perak Menteri Besar Tan Sri Ramli Ngah Talib to be considered for appointment as a state executive councillor.

Of the three, the party had recommended one person as the party's preference for the post, MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said today.

He said it was up to Ramli to pick the candidate of the MIC's choice or the other two shortlisted.

He, however, declined to name the candidate chosen by the party.

The three candidates are MIC's assemblymen in Perak. They are Datuk G. Rajoo (Hutan Melintang), S. Veerasingham (Sungkai) and M. Muthiah (Pasir Panjang), who has been appointed MIC Youth leader.

Samy Vellu, who is Works Minister, was speaking to reporters after a meeting with Perak MIC delegates here to introduce 45 contestants vying for various party posts at the MIC General Assembly on Aug 2.

He said he was informed by Ramli that the appointment would be made after consulting Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The Perak government has yet to fill the additional three state executive councillors' post although the provision for it had been approved.

Asked to comment on Dr Mahathir's statement that Hungarian-born American billionaire George Soros had used his financial clout to destabilise Southeast Asian currencies in recent weeks, Samy Vellu said this showed that many people were jealous of Malaysia's remarkable progress both in the economic and political stability.

He said Malaysia had proven to the world that it had one of the best economic achievements.

"This had prompted certain people to resort to unhealthy practices to undermine the country's prosperity," he said.

Saying that the ringgit's depreciation was only a temporary phenomenon, he said people like Soros would not succeed in their attempt as Dr Mahathir had a special plan to tackle the matter in the near future. -- BERNAMA

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