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DEFEND MALAYSIA'S SOVEREIGNTY, SAYS SAMY VELLU

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 17 (Bernama) -- MIC president Datuk Seri S.Samy Vellu said it is now time for Malaysians to unite in full force and defend national sovereignty at all costs from being undermined by certain foreign elements.

Samy Vellu, who is Works Minister, said with the economy showing strong signs of recovery, the people should rally behind the government to thwart any attempts to sabotage the economy and destroy internal peace and harmony.

"We must not allow these foreigners (currency speculators) to rob our country's wealth again. All Malaysians, young and old, must now rise to the occasion and defend our country at all cost from these evil forces," he said in his Deepavali message.

This year's Deepavali or the Festival of Lights will be celebrated on Monday. A Hindu mythology has it that Deepavali originated as a celebration over the slaying of the evil demon King Narakasuran by Lord Krishna and his consort Satyabama.

Samy Vellu said the people should set aside their differences and join hands to exterminate the evil forces from within and outside the country.

He called on Malaysian Indians of Hindu faith to celebrate Deepavali by lighting oil lamps to show their support and love for the country.

Samy Vellu said the people must not let themselves be hoodwinked or duped by false reports in the foreign media and on the Internet.

"We must not be carried away by these reports. We must not let our emotions run wild," he said.

Samy Vellu said the measures introduced by the government recently have produced significant results to put the economy back on track.

"We must now continue to give our full support to the government under the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to steer the country to a quick recovery," he said.

Samy Vellu also said he noticed a change in the people's attitude in terms of their commitment towards creating a "Bangsa Malaysia" (Malaysian race).

"I noticed that during festivals like Deepavali, people of all races will shop as if all Malaysians will celebrate Deepavali. The same will happen during Hari Raya and Chinese New Year," he said.

He said Malaysia has become the envy of other countries because of the unity and cooperation among its various races and many foreigners, including world leaders, have recognised this fact.

"We eat, work and live together. This is our culture. This is our destiny. So, let us keep that spirit burning," he said.

As such, he urged Malaysians Hindus to have "open house" on Deepavali to keep alive the spirit of friendship that has brought Malaysia to where it is now.

He also urged the people to be thrifty even when the country was on the path to economic recovery.

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