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MIC REGETS ANWAR'S CHALLENGE TO MAHATHIR TO STEP DOWN

IPOH, Sept 20 (Bernama) -- MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu today expressed regret over former deputy prime minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's challenge to Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to step down.

He said Anwar had no right to ask Dr Mahathir to step down as the prime minister had not done anything wrong.

"If anyone wants to challenge the prime minister he has to wait for the general election," he told reporters after opening a supermarket, here.

Anwar, who was dismissed from the cabinet on Sept 2 and expelled from Umno a day later, had called on Dr Mahathir to step down if he did not want to be ousted by the people.

Samy Vellu said the MIC fully supported Dr Mahathir's leadership because only he could lead the country towards change and development.

He said the prime minister did not use his position for self-interest but instead implemented the changes for the good of the people.

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