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BN WILL WIN HANDS DOWN, SAYS SAMY VELLU

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 10 (Bernama) -- MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said tonight the Barisan Nasional (BN) will win "hands down" in the upcoming general election in view of its excellent track record and dynamic leadership.

He congratulated Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for going into the next general election to lead Malaysians into the next century as a progressive nation.

"Dr Mahathir will navigate the nation to the next century and the next millennium to make Malaysia a very progressive, forward-looking developed country soon," he told BERNAMA when contacted in Toronto, Canada.

Samy Vellu said he would return home immediately. He is in Canada to attend the World Intelligence Transport System Conference.

Samy Vellu brushed aside the Opposition's attempt to take over the country, saying it was sheer jealousy on the part of the Opposition.

"They have no common policies like the BN and no goals for the nation," he said.

While the opposition parties do not respect their own manifesto, the BN components would rally behind Dr Mahathir to lead the country again, he said.

Samy Vellu also said the Indians in the opposition parties were disunited and described them as "power-seeking elements who do not know the needs of the Indian community."

"The MIC is prepared to meet all of them in the battle field," said the Works Minister.

Samy Vellu said he would convene an emergency Central Working Committee meeting to discuss the party's preparations for the general election.

He said the names of MIC candidates would be announced after Dr Mahathir, who is BN Chairman, gave his approval.

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