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IPF CONTINUES TO SUPPORT BN

IPOH, Nov 19 (Bernama) -- Despite being denied admission into the Barisan Nasional (BN) for the past 10 years, the Indian Progressive Front (IPF) has again thrown its support for the BN in the 10th general election.

Its president, M. G. Pandithan, said they would mobilise about 30,000 members from its Youth and Wanita wings to campaign for the BN candidates in all the states and there would be a strong show of support on Nomination Day tomorrow.

As a sign of sincerity and commitment, the party would also campaign for MIC candidates, including its president, Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu, in Sungai Siput.

"I will even go to Sungai Siput as we have about 38 branches there. What is more important now is the BN and not individuals," he said after launching the party's state-level election machinery, here, last night.

"When you look at a candidate's poster, imagine whoever he is as Dr Mahathir. The BN will definitely win but what's more important is to win by a two-thirds majority," he said.

Pandithan, a former MIC vice-president, said the party, with 350,000 registered members, would be able to deliver the Indian vote to the BN.

"Indian votes are crucial this time. I want my members to throw their support behind the BN...anyone supporting the opposition will be sacked," said Pandithan, who has contested the Teluk Intan seat under the DAP banner in the 1990 election when the IPF was with the opposition front.

He said he had held meetings with IPF leaders from the southern and northern regions and directed them to mobilise all machineries to support the BN and not think about its entry into BN for the time being.

Pandithan said the fate of the IPF's entry into the BN lies in the election and he was confident BN chairman and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad would consider its application favourably soon.

"We have been waiting for 10 years and we will not give up. That is why I am asking all our members to go all out to ensure the BN's victory and show our commitment and sincerity," he said.

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