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MIC APPEALS TO FOREIGN MEDIA TO BE FAIR

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 28 (Bernama) -- The MIC today appealed to the foreign media to report about Malaysia fairly and truthfully by taking into account the country's improved political and economic situation.

Party president and Works Minister Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said while not all of the foreign media have been unjust to Malaysia and its leadership, some have been biased in their reporting despite signs of the country's economic recovery and its political stability.

"Despite the government's various measures towards reinforcing economic and political stability, foreign media reports keep on harping on more of the same," he said.

The MIC Central Working Committee (CWC), which met here today, discussed the matter and felt that the foreign media should report extensively Malaysia's progress in reviving its economy, he told reporters after the meeting.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad as well as other groups, individuals and political leaders had taken to task certain foreign media for negative reporting of Malaysia.

The latest of such reports was about Malaysian ministers having numbered accounts in Swiss banks.

Yesterday, Dr Mahathir said the Cabinet discussed this particular report at its weekly meeting and decided to allow any Swiss bank with numbered accounts of Malaysian ministers as alleged, to publicise them.

Samy Vellu also said the CWC welcomed this month's appointment of Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi as Deputy Prime Minister and pledged full cooperation to him.

"We also wish to reiterate our undivided support for the leadership of Dr Mahathir," he said.

On the Sabah election, he said MIC deputy president Datuk S.Subramaniam will lead a team comprising among others, party vice-presidents Datuk G.Palanivel and Datuk K.Kumaran, to help the Sabah Barisan Nasional in facing the polls.

He also said the MIC would hold its annual general assembly for two days beginning July 31.

On the establishment of the commission of inquiry to probe into former deputy prime minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's injuries while in police custody last September, Samy Vellu said: "We have to find out the truth of the person who did it."

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