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MIC URGES POLICE TO ACT IMMEDIATELY AGAINST THOSE SPREADING LIES

KUALA LUMPUR, April 28 (Bernama) -- The MIC Central Working Committee (CWC) today urged the police to take immediate action against those who spread false news over the Internet and other media.

This was one of the decisions taken during the three-hour CWC meeting at the MIC headquarters here, said MIC president Datuk Seri S.Samy Vellu.

Speaking to reporters after chairing the meeting, Samy Vellu said the CWC took a serious view concerning the false and absurd news that were being spread about national leaders.

He said the MIC was also disappointed with the action of several foreign countries which were interfering in the internal affairs of Malaysia.

"Our message to them is that they should look after their own internal problems and should never interfere in our affairs," he said.

Yesterday, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad hit out at a small section of the population who continued to abuse the Internet to spread unsubstantiated news and slander, although the government was striving to create a society that was conversant in information technology.

On preparation to face the coming general election, Samy Vellu said the MIC was prepared to face the election any time but added that the party's focus now was to assist the government in reviving the national economy.

When asked on the agreement of top leaders of the four opposition parties -- Parti Keadilan Nasional (Keadilan), PAS, DAP and Parti Rakyat Malaysia (PRM) -- to give priority to the principle of cooperation, Samy vellu said: "They can always join together as usual and they can divorce themselves after the election."

"It is something which has been proven. When elections come, they get together, after the elections they divorce," he said.

Samy Vellu said he did not believe that the opposition parties had a permanent policy that would provide a quality life to the people.

He also took to task the PAS, saying that its leaders were not capable of leading a multiracial country like Malaysia as they were "single minded."

Citing an encounter with a PAS leader recently, Samy Vellu who is Works Minister, said he shook hand with the PAS leader and asked him "Apa khabar? (How are you?)".

"His answer was `baik khabar' (good news) and not `khabar baik' (fine). What kind of reply is this?" Samy Vellu said.

"This is the kind of leadership PAS has. I don't know how they are going to rule this country which has different races," he added.

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