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MIC CALLS ON GOVT TO STRICTLY ENFORCE ACT ON UNIVERSITIES

KUALA LUMPUR, July 22 (Bernama) -- The MIC today called on the government to strictly enforce the Universities and University Colleges Act to stop the opposition parties, especially PAS, from using tertiary students for their political ends.

MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said the party's central working committee (CWC) which met today wanted the government to take stern action to protect the institutions of higher learning from political manipulation.

"In this matter, we propose that the act be implemented fully to ensure that the opposition parties do not influence the minds of students and academic staff of institutions of higher learning," he told a news conference after chairing the CWC meeting, here.

He said PAS had never discussed developing the country but instead only ran it down.

On monthly wages for estate workers, he said a special MIC committee of experts was now in the final stages of preparing the proposal paper which would be ready end of the month.

The party also thanked the government for the assurances given to the Indians regarding the dissolution of the South Indian Labour Fund and the decision to build a Skills Institute for Malaysian Indians on land belonging to the fund, he said.

He also said that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was expected to open the MIC general assembly on July 31.

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