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`PPP will continue to work with MIC'

IPOH, Tues. - The People's Progressive Party will continue to support the MIC despite being "attacked and ridiculed" by the party, its Youth chief T. Murugia said today.

"Rendering help to Barisan Nasional component parties is the basic foundation for a strong coalition.

"The PPP is not out to pick a fight with other parties but want to work as a team to ward off opposition attacks," he added.

Murugia also refuted MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu's claims that 20,000 former PPP members had joined the MIC.

He said only 19 members from Selangor led by its former chairman Alex Thiagarajan had resigned. The group was "frustrated" as their demands were not met by the PPP leadership.

Meanwhile, 42 PPP Youth council members led by Murugia will hand over a memorandum to BN chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tomorrow appealing to him to advise Samy Vellu to stop condemning the party.

Murugia said even though there were PPP members who had joined the MIC, there was no need to highlight the matter in the media.

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