

MIC to submit report on Lunas to PM

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No other party can take our place as the sole representative of Indians, says Samy Vellu

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KUALA LUMPUR, Fri: The MIC has completed its post-mortem on the recently concluded Lunas state by-election and the report will be submitted next week to Barisan Nasional (BN) chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Its president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said that the BN headquarters is doing a comprehensive study to supplement the MIC report.

"After that, it is up to the Prime Minister to analyse the facts and take the appropriate action," he told reporters after attending the MS ISO 9001 certificate presentation to the Works Department (PWD) at the Works Ministry today.

Samy Vellu said MIC's post-mortem report had yet to be submitted because he had been busy with his work and had therefore been unable to arrange a meeting with Mahathir.

In the Nov 29 by-election, the BN candidate, MIC's S. Anthony Samy lost the seat by 530 votes to the Alternative Front, who fielded Keadilan's Saifuddin Nasution Ismail.

On the proposed discussion with Inspector General of Police (IGP) Tan Sri Norian Mai, on the alleged slow reaction by the police towards unruly opposition supporters during the by-election, Samy Vellu said he has not been able to discuss the matter directly with the IGP.

"The IGP is busy with his work.

"I have already collected all my points and will discuss the matter when he is free,"

he said.

Samy Vellu also said he will discuss with the IGP how the MIC and the police can achieve better cooperation in the future.

He said no other party can take the place of the MIC as the sole representative of the Indian people.

He said no other party can take the majority of Indian votes away from the BN as long as the MIC exists.

"Anyone is free to try but no one can replace the MIC. No one can take from the BN the votes held by the MIC as long as the MIC is alive," he said.

Samy Vellu was responding to a question on the statement made by the unregistered Parti Rakyat Insan Malaysia (PRIM) that it will join the Alternative Front and become the representative of the Indians.