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Ex-Kedah MIC man the likely choice

KULIM, Sun. - Former Kedah MIC assistant secretary A. Antonysamy looks likely to be the Barisan Nasional candidate for the Lunas State by-election.

Party sources said his name had been submitted by the MIC leadership to BN chairman and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Friday.

MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu declined to reveal the candidate except to say "the candidate, in his early 50s, was born in Sungai Petani and had served the Kedah MIC for a long time".

Samy Vellu had said on Friday that that even the candidate himself did not know that he had been nominated.

Samy Vellu, who is also the Works Minister, had also said the candidate had all the qualifications to contest in the by-election for the State seat.

Antonysamy, a lawyer based in Butterworth, Penang, was the chairman of the Scarborough Estate MIC branch in Sungai Petani.

Antonysamy could not be reached for comment.

His name is expected to be announced soon by Kedah BN chairman and Menteri Besar Datuk Syed Razak Syed Zain Barakbah.

The Lunas seat fell vacant following the death of its Assemblyman Dr Joe Fernandez who was shot dead by two unidentified gunmen recently.

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