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PM to announce candidate for Teluk Kemang

PORT DICKSON, Sat. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will announce on Monday or Tuesday the Barisan Nasional's candidate for the June 10 Teluk Kemang parliamentary by-election.

MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said the choice of the particular candidate, who was born in Teluk Kemang, had been agreed to by all concerned.

Of the names of possible candidates that have surfaced so far, those born in Teluk Kemang are Samy Vellu's political secretary S. Sothinathan, 40, and State MIC youth chief M. Sasasey, 36.

Speaking after attending a dialogue with the people here today, Samy Vellu said: "Considering the importance of the seat to the BN, it has been agreed that Dr Mahathir should make the announcement.

"This will also ensure that the candidate gets the full support of the people of Teluk Kemang."

After the announcement by the BN chairman, Samy Vellu said he and Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohamad Isa Abdul Samad would introduce the candidate to the people.

He declined to comment if the candidate was from the State MIC, but said he was below 40 years of age, well educated, committed and would be well liked by the people.

"We want an MP who can see to the needs of the people and is able to unite all the races here."

Meanwhile, of the projects promised by the BN for the constituency during last year's polls, Samy Vellu, who is also Works Minister, said he had identified 40 uncompleted ones that would be given immediate attention.

He said his Ministry would build new roads at the former pig rearing area of Bukit Pelandok, in Lukut. Many roads in the area were damaged following a viral encephalitis operation, held there last year to wipe out the disease.

Samy Vellu said he had instructed all MIC leaders to help out in the campaigning.

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