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IPF DECIDES TO CONTINUE STRUGGLE

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 11 (Bernama) -- Indian Progressive Front (IPF) president Datuk M.G. Pandithan today expressed the hope that the Barisan Nasional (BN) leadership will consider admitting the IPF into its fold following the strong mandate given by the delegates to continue the party's struggle.

"I hope the BN leadership will consider the wishes of the delegates or rather the wishes of the members," he said at the end of the IPF's ninth general assembly at the Putra World Trade Centre, here.

Pandithan said he would leave the matter to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Datuk Mahathir Mohamad.

"We will leave our political future in the hands of the Prime Minister. Whatever he says, we will act accordingly as far as the BN is concerned," he said.

He said the 2,950 IPF delegates had expressed the strong mandate from the members to continue the party's struggle to get admitted into the BN.

It also showed that the members were not interested to join any other political parties, Pandithan said.

"I will send a letter to the BN leadership informing it of the results and perhaps meeting the prime minister to explain the desire of the IPF delegates.

"For me there is no turning back to the MIC or the People's Progressive Party (PPP)... I will be with them (IPF)," he said.

He also said that he was moved by the overwhelming support of the delegates who rejected the offer made by the MIC and the PPP.

He said he was prepared to meet MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu for the larger interest of the Indian community in solving the problems faced by the community.

The one-day assembly was opened by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

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