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MIC AGAINST US AIR RAIDS ON AFGHANISTAN

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 15 (Bernama) -- MIC president Datuk Seri S.Samy Vellu today voiced the party's support for Malaysia's stand in opposing the air raids by the United States on Afghanistan.

"This is not the way to solve terrorism," MIC president Datuk Seri S.Samy Vellu said.

The Works Minister said the military onslaught against Afghanistan would only affect the lives of innocent people especially women and children.

He said violence should not be adopted as a means to achieve the objective of fighting terrorism, referring to the air strikes against Afghanistan.

"Certainly we cannot say here who is the terrorist. We must bear in mind that women and children have and will become victims," he said.

Samy Vellu said the only way to fight terrorism was through an international forum as proposed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

While saying that Malaysia mourns the death of thousands of people in the Sept 11 attacks on the World Trade Centre in New York and Pentagon, near Washington, Samy Vellu said there should be no more attacks on innocent people.

Samy Vellu said he was deeply saddened and horrified over the devastating terrorist attacks "but attacking Afghanistan is not the right way."

"There should be a new approach...we must be able to win the hearts and minds of Afghanistan instead of attacking them," Samy Vellu added.

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