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MIC pledges full co-operation to ensure smooth transition of power

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - The MIC central working committee today pledged to give its full co-operation to ensure the smooth transition of power from the Prime Minister to his deputy.

Party president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said the MIC would give Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi the same support and encouragement being enjoyed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"We deeply appreciate all that Dr Mahathir has done for the country and are confident Abdullah can lead Malaysians into the future," he said after chairing the central working committee meeting today.

The CWC also decided that division leaders must set up committees at all branches to conduct door-to-door visits to ensure all eligible Indian voters were registered before the next general election.

Samy Vellu also said the Tamil Schools Action Council would meet Tamil school headmasters soon to discuss ways to upgrade the standard of Tamil schools nationwide.

"The council will meet on July 21 in Perak to discuss the feedback and actions to be taken," he said, adding they would meet Education Minister Tan Sri Musa Mohamad later.

He said 130 of the 524 Tamil schools nationwide needed upgrading.

The MIC president also said the party had bought a RM130,797 double storey house in Kuala Kangsar for S. Maliga, 45, widow of detective Sergeant R. Sagadevan, who was killed in the line of duty during the Sauk incident. The party had earlier donated RM10,000 to Maliga.

On the upcoming Pendang parliamentary and Anak Bukit State Assembly by-elections in Kedah, Samy Vellu said the MIC was prepared to send their members to assist the Barisan Nasional election machinery.

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