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HAVE RELIGIOUS CLASSES FOR ALL RACES, SAYS MIC YOUTH

KUALA LUMPUR, May 4 (Bernama) -- The MIC Youth has urged the Education Ministry to introduce religious classes for all races in the national education system to check social problems among school students.

The movement said the Moral Studies subject was not as effective as had been hoped for because it had failed to curb social problems among school students.

"We appeal to the Education Ministry to introduce religious classes for all races, along with Moral Studies, at all levels to bring about a more reasonable solution to social ills," it said in its 10-point resolution that was unanimously adopted at its general assembly here today.

MIC Youth also wanted the Housing and Local Government Ministry to instruct local authorities to form a special committee comprising Hindu officials to handle matters concerning the relocation of Hindu temples.

"We regret the demolition of a place of worship carried out by officers not of that particular religion. This is very sensitive to any race and religion. It can cause conflicts and emotional disturbance among the people," the resolution stated.

The movement also asked Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to allocate more parliamentary and state seats to the party in the next general election based on the party's performance and track record.

Meanwhile, Wanita MIC, at its annual general assembly today, adopted a nine-point resolution, which included its pledge of continued support for Dr Mahathir and party president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu.

The Wanita wing also called on the private sector and financial institutions to be flexible in their terms and conditions when extending housing loans to single mothers.

It also wanted the government to look into the issue of fair representation of the three major races in the country at fully aided residential schools.

"For a long time fully residential schools have been monopolised by one particular race, which in the long run has deprived these students the chance to interact with students of other races," it said.

The movement feared that this segregation would further undermine racial tolerance among youngsters of major races.

Wanita MIC also wanted the government to convert all partially aided Tamil schools in the country into fully aided ones to ensure that the physical condition of Tamil schools is on par with that of national schools.

It also urged the government to monitor the recruitment of workers for the civil service to ensure that all major races were fairly represented to help foster a healthy working environment and unity among the people.

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