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MIC GIVES RM100,000 TO HUMANITARIAN FUND

KUALA LUMPUR, March 28 (Bernama) -- The MIC contributed RM100,000 to the Iraqi People's Humanitarian Fund in support of the government's effort to help the war victims.

MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said he hoped the donation would help alleviate the suffering of the people in Iraq which was invaded by the United States and its allies.

"The MIC CWC today decided to donate RM100,000 to the Iraqi People's Humanitarian Fund in support of the government's decision to give RM10 million to the fund," he told reporters after chairing the MIC Central Working Committee (CWC) meeting at party headquarters here today.

On preparations for the upcoming elections, Samy Vellu said MIC was training about 10,000 youths and Puteri MIC members to ensure that the Umno-led Barisan Nasional (BN) would maintain its win.

"So far, we have 2,000 trained youths and another 3,000 would be trained during the MIC Youth Brigade gathering this Sunday," he said.

Samy Vellu said the Youth Brigade would be taught to how to garner support for the party especially in opposition strongholds.

"This group would visit houses to find out the situation at grassroots level - if the rakyat supported the party or were against it," he said.

Samy Vellu said the MIC general assembly scheduled for May 18 in Kuala Lumpur would be launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad. Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi would attend as well.

On Puteri MIC, Samy Vellu who is also Works Minister said the CWC would appoint a coordinator once the movement was complete in every state. Puteri MIC, set up six months ago, currently has 6,000 members.

On tuition classes for Ujian Penilaian Sekolah Rendah students, Samy Vellu said this would be stepped up as more than 200 Indian students throughout the country earned excellent results in the examination last year.

"This year we will divide the programme according to four zones with the southern zone covering Melaka, Negeri Sembilan and Johor; central zone - Selangor, Federal Territory and Pahang; and northern zone - Perlis, Kedah, Penang, and Kelantan," he said.

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