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MIC GENERAL ASSEMBLY POSTPONED INDEFINITELY

KUALA LUMPUR, July 14 (Bernama) -- The 58th MIC annual general assembly, scheduled for this weekend, has been postponed indefinitely, party president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said today.

"The general assembly, scheduled for July 17 and 18, has been postponed indefinitely as the Prime Minister (Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi) will be on an official trip overseas," Samy Vellu, who is also Works Minister, told Bernama.

Samy Vellu said that the new dates for the assembly would be fixed later and it would definitely be opened by Abdullah.

The Prime Minister is expected leave for a visit to several countries including the United States and Britain this weekend.

He is expected to meet US President George W. Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair during the visit.

"We regret for the inconvenience caused to the MIC delegates and all those involved in the preparation of the assembly but we want to have the Prime Minister officiate this assembly," said the MIC president.

The MIC general assembly was supposed to have been the first Barisan Nasional (BN) component party general assembly to be opened by Abdullah after taking over the reign of the country in October last year from Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The assembly would have also made the MIC the first BN component party to hold its general assembly after the ruling coalition's thumping win in the general election in March.

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