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Pandithan threat to sue ex-IPF members forming new party

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - Indian Progressive Front (IPF) president Datuk M.G. Pandithan said today he will not hesitate to take legal action against a group of former party members who are registering a new political party, Malaysian Indian People's Force (MIPF).

Pandithan said he would consider the move if the former members continued to claim that they represented a group of disgruntled former IPF members.

"They resigned from IPF in 1993 and joined MIC which they left some time ago. They should no longer claim they are representing a group of disgruntled former IPF members.

"If they continue making such claims, I will consider taking legal action against them," said Pandithan during a Press conference here today.

He was responding to statements in the media over a planned gathering of former IPF members tomorrow at 5pm at Wisma Tun Sambanthan to discuss the formation of MIPF.

Its organising chairman M.P. Segaran had said some 20,000 people had expressed their intention to join the party and were waiting for the Registrar of Societies' (ROS) approval.

Pandithan claimed a group of MIC leaders were behind the move to register the new party.

He also said he was planning to write to BN chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his deputy Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi over unfair and biased reporting of his party in the print and electronic media.

Meanwhile, Segaran, former IPF Youth secretary (1990 to 1993), said, "We appeal to all former and current IPF members who are not happy with the party to join us."