

## **MIC's Palanivel drops Vell Paari from CWC**

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MIC president G Palanivel has dropped party strategy director S Vell Paari - the son of former president S Samy Vellu - from the central working committee (CWC) in a move that signals a major feud is unraveling.

mic and palanivelPalanivel (left), who was Samy Vellu's chosen successor for the top post, has reportedly picked former vice-president S Sothinathan and S Sunthar, the son of former deputy president S Subramaniam, to sit in the all-powerful CWC.

Sunthar will replace Puteri MIC chief Usha Nandini.

When contacted, Vell Paari said he is unperturbed about the latest development.

"I knew this was coming. As far as I am concerned, it does not affect me. I will go on with my work," he said.

Asked why Palanivel resorted to the move, he replied: "Perhaps it is related to a recent media interview where I spoke about a possible challenge for the top post."

According to a statement issued by Palanivel's office, he thanked Vell Paari for his services.

The situation is becoming increasingly tense in MIC where speculation is rife that deputy president Dr S Subramaniam could mount a challenge against Palanivel.

It is said that Samy Vellu is calling the shots from behind the scene with regard to the campaign against Palanivel, who was his former press secretary.

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