

**Those who oppose me will fail, vows Samy
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MIC president S Samy Vellu did not mince his words today in lambasting those who opposed his leadership of the party.

"They have their own objectives, in which they will fail. It will kill them," he declared.

samy vellu micIn his opening speech at the party's 64th annual general meeting today, Samy Vellu also lectured the 3,000 delegates in his trademark fatherly manner.

"I have been harsh with some of the members. But all the criticism will benefit them in the future. I will make sure that they will succeed in their undertakings," he said.

"There are many instances where my decisions were disliked, but I believe that as a leader, I had done what was right for the people."

There have been numerous efforts previously to dislodge Samy Vellu's three-decade stranglehold on the party as MIC supremo, with the latest in the form of the Gerakan Anti-Samy Vellu (GAS) movement.

GAS, which held its second mass gathering last weekend, was set up by party leaders who were expelled by Samy Vellu.

The party boss argued that MIC will be the "one and only party" that is capable to work for the betterment of Indian Malaysians, despite there being smaller groups purporting to represent the minority community.

To seek government's support

He said the party will continue to request the government to give Indians a chance to be key stakeholders in both private and public sector partnerships under the newly launched New Economic Model (NEM).

It is crucial for Indians to be well-represented in NEM, and be given at least 10 percent in all national activities and initiatives.

"We also believe with more Indian SMEs (small and medium-size enterprises) in the economy, we will be able to spur the growth of the economy by another 1 percent to 1.5 percent," he added.

He said that the party will seek the government's support to allocate a quota of 15 percent of all funds made available for the SMEs.

"I want Malaysian Indians to be part of the innovative wealth management and attain a share of at least five percent equity within the next five years," he added.

"We want an accelerated growth of Indian wealth creation at the rate of five percent annually, 15 percent employment opportunities in key economic sectors and equal opportunities for education advancement up to 10 percent in key faculties by the year 2020."

Samy Vellu also said that he was grateful to those who have supported him over past three decades, indicating that this could be his last party congress as leader.

Earlier, the party president said he plans to leave eight or nine months before his tenure ends in 2012.

Samy Vellu had also named his deputy, G Palanivel, as his successor in a "transition plan" which the latter would take over the helm some time before next September.

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