

MIC: Perkasa fuelling racial discord
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A delegate at the MIC general assembly today slammed Perkasa's Ibrahim Ali for fuelling racial discord in the country adding that the non-government organisation should be "nipped in the bud".

samy vellu mic agm 110710 02The party's Batu Gajah division leader S Pulligesi said, while debating MIC president S Samy Vellu's (left) policy speech, that Perkasa is rapidly expanding and opening new branches "everywhere".

"Ibrahim Ali is bringing disharmony to the country... for every small thing that is raised by other (races), he (Ibrahim) says their citizenship should be withdrawn and stripped," said Pulligesi.

"But who is he to demand this things? He can say whatever he wants (without reproach), and there are representatives from the government backing him," he said.

Although he stopped short of naming the people who backed Perkasa, Pulligesi warned that if action was not taken the country would be threatened, calling upon Samy to intervene.

Brain drain bankrupting Malaysia

Meanwhile, Tanjong Malim delegate Ramachandran raised the alarm that the country might end up being "mortgaged", echoing Minister Prime Minister's Department Idris Jala's earlier remarks that Malaysia may be bankrupt by 2019..

Idris had warned that this would be a consequence of continuing subsidies.

Ramachandran added that this could also result from brain drain of Malaysian going overseas.

"It's not because they don't like it here, but they are not given recognition locally. (If we do not get our rights) we will go, we will migrate. We have better (opportunities abroad) than here," said Ramachandran.

"Unless, as citizens we demand for our rights and equal treatment," he said.

"When they want votes they need us, but when we ask them for our rights they don't care who we are," he said scornfully

Another delegate Rajendran meanwhile followed up Prime Minister Najib's advice for the Tamil dailies to stop politicking, attacking the mainstream media of trying to disunite the Indian community.

He accused journalists in various media such as Utusan Malaysia, Star and TV3 of attempting to split the community.

'Don't GAS Samy'

Bukit Bintang MIC chairperson T Ananthan advised the party to organise a round table

discussion with NGOs for the betterment of the party.

"Only Samy Vellu can unite this party and there is nothing wrong in calling everyone for a discourse. This would help us immensely," he said.

Backing the 74-year-old president, Kulim representative Gopal supported reprimanding "movements" against Samy Vellu.

He added that it was inappropriate for anyone to demand for Samy's resignation as he was a "democratically elected president".

"No such thing as gassing him out. Or even if you spray Samy Vellu with mosquito repellent (he will not go)," said Gopal, lashing out at the president's critics who recently formed the Gerakan Anti-Samy (GAS).

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