

Court strikes out Samy Vellu's RM10 mil suit
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The Shah Alam High Court today struck out a RM10-million defamation suit brought by MIC president S Samy Vellu against the party's former Youth chief S Vigneswaran and three others over an allegedly defamatory article.

Justice Zaleha Yusof made the decision in chambers, allowing the applications by Vigneswaran and the three others to strike out the suit.

Vigneswaran's lawyer A Vasanthi told reporters the court also ordered Samy Vellu to pay RM5,000 as legal costs to each of the four defendants, namely Vigneswaran, Malaysia Namban Tamil newspaper editor M Maryanandy and the newspaper's publisher Penerbitan Sahabat (M) Sdn Bhd and printer Aslita Sdn Bhd.

On Feb 22 this year, Vigneswaran and the others filed their applications to strike out the suit on the grounds that Samy Vellu had intentionally failed to set down the action for the trial.

On July 24, 2008, Samy Vellu filed the suit against the four seeking RM10 million in damages for libel, damages for conspiracy, aggravated damages, costs and other relief deemed fit by the court.

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