

Palanivel willing to embrace MIC sacked members and deserters
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KUALA LUMPUR - MIC president G. Palanivel's plan to accept sacked MIC members back into the party received a boost when its Information chief P. Kamalanathan praised the effort to regain grassroots support and to strengthen the party.

"Many of those sacked from the party have expressed their wish to return to the party following the change of leadership while disciplinary action have already been taken against them.

"However, in MIC, the most powerful is the party constitution. Therefore, the president will refer and carefully look at the constitution before readmitting those sacked from the party," Kamalanathan told Bernama, here, today.

The MIC constitution stipulates that a sacked party member must wait for at least two or three years before he can be reaccepted into the party.

During Samy Vellu's 31-year presidency, many leaders who were at odds with him were sacked, with some of them setting up new parties such as the Indian Progressive Front and Malaysian Indian United Party.

Mugilan, who is also the founder of Gerakan Anti Samy (GAS), when contacted by Bernama, said he viewed Palanivel's stand positively. However, he declined to elaborate and said he needed time to meet with those sacked from the party.

Mugilan said he would make a media announcement on the matter after an agreement had been reached between him, other former members and the party.

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