

**Indian Youth Support For BN Remains A Question**  
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JOHOR BAHRU -- The Indian community after aligning itself to the opposition in the last general election appears to be supporting the Barisan Nasional (BN) again.

However, this was not so with regard to its youths, according to MIC president G. Palanivel, who said this was based on feedback from state grassroot leaders.

He said the youths felt angry that they had been deprived of opportunities to better themselves economically.

"We must do things that can attract the young such as giving them employment, business or training opportunities," he told reporters after launching the 65th Johor MIC Convention, here yesterday.

On the about-turn support for BN, he said the Indian community was generally happy now that their needs were being looked after under the 1Malaysia concept and transformation programme initiated by Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak.

He said Indian support was evident from the increase of votes by 75 per cent for the BN during the Tenang by-election, and 82 per cent in both the Merlimau and Kerbau by-elections.

Palanivel nevertheless reminded the 4,000 MIC branches that there were still about 400,000 Indians in the country whom they should draw to become party members and register as voters.

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