

# Samy suing two dailies

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu is suing two vernacular Tamil newspapers over reports which quoted the MIC president as saying that former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad had done nothing for Malaysian Indians.

"The newspapers, *Malaysia Namban* and *Makkal Osai*, had purposely distorted my speech at the Johor MIC state convention on Tuesday to create unnecessary friction between me and Dr Mahathir," he told *The Star* last night.

Both newspapers had front-paged stories under the headings, *Mahathir did not do anything as he had promised* and *Nahee, Mahathir* respectively.

The stories quoted Samy Vellu as saying that Dr Mahathir had done nothing for Malaysian Indians while he was the prime minister.

Samy Vellu, who is in Kuching, explained that a delegate at the Johor MIC convention had stood up and asked him what had happened to the 3% equity proposal for Malaysian Indians.

"In my reply, I said that in the 8th Malaysia Plan, Dr Mahathir was the one who made the 3% equity pro-



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posal for Malaysian Indians in the Third Outline Perspective Plan (OPP), which was to be achieved by 2010.

"I also said that at the end of the 8MP, nothing has happened, *Nahee* ('nothing' in Hindi). But I never said that Dr Mahathir had done nothing for Malaysian Indians.

"I have directed my lawyers to file an action against *Malaysia Namban* and *Makkal Osai*," he said.