

# Samy Vellu and Khairy slam Anwar

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'He did nothing for estate workers'

**SHAH ALAM:** Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) adviser Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim came under heavy criticism from MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu and Umno Youth deputy chief Khairy Jamaluddin over allegations that the MIC had neglected the welfare of the estate workers.

When Anwar was deputy prime minister, he "did nothing" for the estate workers, let alone the Indian community, said Samy Vellu, who is also the Works Minister.

"I have copies of letters I sent to him seeking assistance (for estate workers when Anwar was deputy prime minister), but he did not lift a finger to help," he told reporters after opening the MIC Wanita, Youth and Puteri general assemblies here.

Anwar had also claimed that estate workers were intimidated and bribed into supporting

the Barisan Nasional during the recent Ijok state constituency by-election, which was won by the Barisan Nasional candidate from the MIC, K. Parthiban.

PKR had fielded former Guthrie Group chief executive officer Tan Sri Khalid Ibrahim in the by-election.

In his address to the MIC Youth assembly, Khairy said Anwar had been touted as Malaysia's future but Barisan had proved that he was part of history and finished.

"They also claimed that Ijok was a comeback for Anwar and PKR but we have thwarted the nuclear bombs and missiles thrown at us.

"They did everything. They spoke ill of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak but now they don't have anything any more," he said.