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# Dr M: Samy Vellu a racist

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu has exposed his racist sentiments by sympathising with the Hindu Rights Action Force (Hindraf), Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said.

Responding to accusations of racism against him, the former prime minister countered by blaming Samy Vellu for MIC's losses in the last elections.

"Hindraf represents Tamil racists who look to their old masters, the British, to protect them. They don't believe in Malaysian institutions.

"And they speak not just of Indians but of Tamils as a separate race. They and their apologists are racist to the core," he said in his blog.

Dr Mahathir said Samy Vellu

insisted that he was the only leader of the Indians.

"He refused to allow other Indian political parties to join Barisan Nasional. His arrogance was unbearable. The defeat of the MIC is entirely because of him."

Responding to a blog posting, Dr Mahathir said his son-in-law was not and had never been chief executive officer of MTrans, but just worked for the company.

The posting also questioned why Dr Mahathir gave MTrans a monopoly of monorail lines in Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya at a time when his son-in-law was CEO of the company and when Dr Mahathir was prime minister.

Dr Mahathir said he had persuaded MTrans to go into

the manufacture of the monorail trains, building the tracks and operating them.

"As the development cost was high, I had to assure MTrans it would be given first preference if a monorail (was) to be built in Kuala Lumpur."

He said he did not authorise a bailout of the financially-stricken company. "The government talked with MTrans for a monorail system for Putrajaya which could provide relief for the company."

He said the Abdullah government cancelled the project after the company had built the bridge and part of the track and only paid a part of the cost.

Its value dropped and Scomi bought its manufacturing operations in 2006.