

IPF Will Pursue Dreams To Become BN Component Party
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KUALA LUMPUR, July 24 (Bernama) -- The Indian Progressive Front (IPF) will continue to pursue its dream of being accepted as a component party of the Barisan Nasional (BN).

Party president M. Sambathan said IPF had been a staunch BN supporter and hoped its application to become a full member would be backed by other BN component parties.

IPF, a splinter of MIC, was formed by the late Tan Sri M. G. Pandithan in 1991, following a fallout between him and then-MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu.

Since then, its application to become a full BN member was rejected (as the acceptance needs consensus from all component parties).

However, early this year, IPF was accepted as an associate member of BN.

"We still hope the BN will open its doors for us to become a permanent member. IPF treats MIC as an older brother and hopes all BN component parties will support our application," Sambathan said at the party's 19th annual general assembly (AGM) at Seri Kembangan here Sunday.

The AGM was opened by Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, who is also BN deputy chairman.

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