

Dr Subra Denies Making Any Decision To Challenge Palanivel
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KUALA LUMPUR, May 29 (Bernama) -- MIC deputy president Datuk Seri Dr S. Subramaniam has denied making any decision to challenge the top post in the coming party election.

He said Bernama's speculating article last Monday was only the views of the writer without any authentication.

"The writer of the article should have consulted and got my views before writing an article with far-reaching implications.

"It is very unfair to drag (former MIC president) Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu into this because many of us in MIC still look up to him as a senior leader who was responsible in providing us with political space to grow," said Dr Subramaniam in a statement to Bernama here Wednesday.

An article entitled 'Dr Subra Set To Challenge Palani For MIC Top Post' stated that the incumbent party chief, Datuk Seri G. Palanivel was expected to face a tough challenge in the defence of his position at the party's presidential polls.

The article also quoted a source as saying that Samy had given his 'green light' for Dr Subramaniam to take on Palanivel in the party race next year.

Dr Subramaniam said the Central Working Committee had decided the party election be postponed to the early part of next year, and there would be an average seven to eight month-interval to the election.

"To suggest that the rest of the eight months would be sacrificed for the party politics is unthinkable. I have also taken on a new ministry and need more time to move on with fresh and new agenda for the ministry," he said.

He said MIC was now preparing to re-invent itself to meet the coming challenges to remain relevant as the main representative of the Indian community in the government.

Seeing that the party machinery had to be overhauled and strengthened, Dr Subramaniam said the grassroots connectivity had to be re-energised and there was so much to be done between now and the party election.

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