

Selangor Wanita MIC Backs Palanivel As President Without Contest
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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 5 (Bernama) -- The Selangor Wanita MIC has declared its full support for party president Datuk Seri G. Palanivel to retain his post in the coming party election.

Its chief, A. Sivabagiam, said leaders of state divisions and branches, together with the state Youth, had agreed unanimously that Palanivel should be elected party president, without contest at an internal poll.

"We have only two full ministers representing the Indian community, namely Datuk Palanivel and Datuk Subra (Datuk Seri Dr S. Subramaniam), and we fully support Palanivel as he is also our state chairman.

"We will cooperate and give full support to our president. We want Palanivel to win without any challenge," she told reporters at the MIC headquarters here today.

She said, although the state leadership could not prevent anyone from contesting the president's post, 22 division and 1,300 branch leaders in Selangor do not want a contest for the top post.

The nomination for the MIC president's post has been set for Sept 1, with polling scheduled on Sept 22, in the event of a contest.

Palanivel became party president after former president, Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu, stepped down in December 2010.

Palanivel, who is also natural resources and environment minister, has indicated he would contest for the post and would only be staying for a single three-year term.

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