

**MIC Cooperates With Police To Brief Young Generation On Crime**  
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BUTTERWORTH, Aug 24 (Bernama) -- MIC will cooperate with the police to give briefings to the younger generation among the Indian community on the danger of being involved in criminal activities in efforts to check the problem.

MIC president Datuk Seri G. Palanivel said he believed the effort could to a certain extent help the police in reducing the crime rate because the young generation now were given less exposure to the dangers of such activities.

"MIC is concerned about several major criminal cases that have occurred and we take measures to get down on the ground to meet with the young (Indian community) to brief them on the problem.

"At the Cabinet meeting last Wednesday, I had informed the meeting on the briefings and they (ministers) welcomed the decision," he told reporters after attending a meeting with Penang MIC leaders, here Saturday.

He said this when commenting on the shooting incident in Penang last Monday which killed five men from the Indian community.

Palanivel, who is also the Minister of Human Resources and Environment, urged everyone to stop pointing fingers, adding that they should instead sit down together to discuss ways of reducing the crime rate.

In addition, he said the MIC was also planning to give exposure, courses and training to the younger generation to develop their skills and venture into business.

Meanwhile, commenting on the MIC party election, he said so far five to seven individuals had offered to contest the post of MIC vice-president.

He said the MIC was also embarking on efforts to attract more Indians to join the party in preparation for the next general election.

So far, he said the MIC had 400,000 members nationwide.

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