

MIC Views Gangsterism A Grave Threat
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 7 (Bernama) -- MIC Deputy President Datuk Seri Dr. S. Subramaniam expressed serious concern over the tendency of Indian youths to fall prey to gangsterism and viewed it as a grave threat to the party.

The Health Minister said statistics showed that 25 percent of the community's youths were involved in such activities but stressed that efforts were being made to curb the situation including raising the matter with the Cabinet.

"We're in the process of providing more work, skills and business opportunities to Indian youths. Such chances will help to keep them away from these negative activities," he said after opening the Tan Sri S. Subramaniam football championship at the Police Training Centre in the capital, Saturday.

He said that MIC aimed to provide rehabilitation opportunities for these youths, adding that weak family background and lack of education were among the main causes for their fall.

Dr Subramaniam thanked Home Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Zahid Hamidi for making great efforts to eradicate gangsterism.

On a separate note, he supported Defence Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein's statement agreeing to a petrol allowance cut in response to the opposition's cost saving challenge to the government through a reduction in ministers' allowances.

Asked to comment on MIC President Datuk Seri G. Palanivel's statement on wanting Dr Subramaniam to lead the party after 2016, he said: "I will play a very positive role as deputy president for the time being and give him all the support as president. Anyway 2016 is still a long way off."

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