

Samy Vellu: Subra's allegation is nonsense

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KUALALUMPUR: MIC chief Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu accused his estranged deputy Datuk Seri S. Subramaniam of talking nonsense.

This latest attack came after Subramaniam's claim that party delegates were being intimidated into voting for challenger Datuk Seri G. Palanivel.

Subramaniam had said delegates were being given incentives to produce evidence they had voted for his rival. They were told to bring cameras or camera-phones to polling booths to take pictures of marked ballot papers. He said some delegates were told overhead cameras would record how they voted and they would be punished if they did not vote for the



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president's man.

"Yes, we are using the satellite. Subramaniam must know. This election is of world importance.

We will use satellite to see how delegates vote." declared Samy Vellu sarcastically yesterday.

Samy Vellu went on the offensive against Subramaniam.

"I think it is utter nonsense. You can tell him that. I have never seen madness like this," he said.

"He has no respect for his party, no respect for democracy. He has no respect for the election committee in which he sat and approved."

Samy Vellu then taunted Subramaniam about his chances of retaining his position as deputy president. "If he is afraid of losing, just keep quiet. That's the best," he advised.

Samy Vellu drew on past party elections in his tirade against Subramaniam. He talked about a time when both faced off for the deputy

presidency in 1978.

"Did he do that when he was secretary-general (install cameras). When the party elections were conducted, did he install a camera?" a visibly annoyed Samy Vellu asked.

"I was the underdog at that time. When you are the underdog, you must behave like the underdog. I behaved as an underdog," he said, urging Subramaniam to behave like the underdog if he felt like one and not complain about the polling process.

Samy Vellu reiterated his desire to introduce change in the party, including rooting for his preferred deputy, Palanivel.

"My mind is set. I want to bring change to this community. In order to bring change, I must have new coaches and engines behind me."