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KUALA LUMPUR, DEC 5 (BERNAMA) -- MCA PRESIDENT TAN KOON SWAN TODAY DENIED HE HAD RECOMMENDED TO THE PRIME MINISTER THE PARTY'S LINE-UP FOR CABINET POSTS.

HE DESCRIBED AS +MERE SPECULATION+ A NEWSPAPER REPORT THAT HE HAD GIVEN THE LIST WHEN HE MET DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD LAST FRIDAY, THE FIRST MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO SINCE ENCIK TAN WON THE PRESIDENCY IN LAST MONTH'S MCA ELECTIONS.

HE TOLD BERNAMA HE HAD ONLY A PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION ON THE MATTER WITH THE PRIME MINISTER +WITH NO DECISIONS MADE.+

HE SAID ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AND OTHER BARISAN NASIONAL LEADERS WOULD ONLY BE HELD AT +AN APPROPRIATE TIME.+

THE REPORT TODAY, QUOTING UNNAMED SOURCES, CARRIED A LINE-UP THAT IT SAID WAS THE MCA'S PROPOSAL FOR THE PARTY'S REPRESENTATIVES IN THE GOVERNMENT.

IT SAID ENCIK TAN WOULD NOT JOIN THE CABINET FOR THE TIME BEING TO CONCENTRATE ON UNITING AND STRENGTHENING THE PARTY FOR THE COMING GENERAL ELECTION. --- BERNAMA

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