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No decision yet on next Governor

SPECIAL Functions Minister and Finance Minister Tun Daim Zainuddin dismissed speculation that the post of Governor of Bank Negara has been filled and has instead indicated that the appointment letter for the post has yet to be sent out.

"Why do you ask me? This decision is not for me to make," he said, and added that he would have to consult the Prime Minister on the appointment.

Daim denied the contention that former Second Finance Minister Mustapa Mohamad was the current favourite among the candidates and said that there were no favourites nor preferences within the pool of potential candidates.

"It does not matter who the Governor is as long as he can do the job, knows banking and the economy and can give me good advice," Daim told reporters after launching Maybank's new logo in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

The Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said on Thursday no decision had been made on the appointment of the Governor but said that discussions were being held on the new appointment.

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