

# PM keeps mum on whether Daim is quitting

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad kept silent on whether Finance Minister Tun Daim Zainuddin is leaving his Cabinet post.

Approached by reporters on his return here from Jakarta after attending the Group of 15 (G-15) Summit,

he said he had not received any letter from Daim on the latter's purported resignation.

When asked to comment on a news report on increasing speculation that Daim would resign soon, the Prime Minister said: "I don't want to comment on speculation."

Daim, who is on two-month leave, was expected to return to work at the Finance Ministry yesterday.

The Prime Minister was also asked to comment on a statement by Justice Mohd Hishamudin Mohd Yunus that it was high time that Parliament examined the

relevance of the Internal Security Act (ISA).

"We will look at it. We will see what is the content of the judge's comment," he said.

Hishamudin made the remarks when he ordered the release of two detainees under the ISA on Wednesday.

Regarding a statement on

Thursday by the Human Rights Commission (Suhakam) that Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim should be allowed to seek medical treatment abroad, Dr Mahathir said:

"That is the commission's opinion. Don't tell me we have to take instructions from Suhakam."