

Daim not under probe: Mahathir

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PM quashes rumours of impending arrest

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KUALA LUMPUR, Tues:
Prime Minister Datuk Seri
Dr Mahathir Mohamad

said today there is no investigation being conducted on former finance minister Tun Daim Zainuddin.

"There is no investigation ... they may have asked him, I don't know," he said when asked to comment on

rumours that Daim is under investigation by the police and will be arrested.

"Because I am now the minister of finance and I want to know the details of certain things, I don't know whether this is the reason why anybody should ask him anything," Mahathir said after having an Umno pre-council closed-door meeting here.

Mahathir confirmed that Daim met him yesterday at his office in Putrajaya and that they are "not at war with each other".

He said Daim "came to discuss and settle a few things".

"We didn't fight with each other. He just came to say that he is going ahead with his resignation and to hand over all the party accounts and files to me," he said.

Mahathir said if Daim does not attend the Umno general assembly that does not mean he is not an Umno member.

"He is still an Umno member, but not the treasurer, and that is his right whether he wants to come or not. Even if he comes, all the press people will be after him, asking all kinds of things and even yesterday, he managed to elude the press."