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PM TEMPORARILY ASSUMES POSTS OF FINANCE & SPECIAL FUNCTIONS MINISTERS

PUTRAJAYA, June 5 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today said he would temporarily assume the posts of finance minister and special functions minister.

"This morning, I have written to the secretary-general of the Ministry of Finance that I am now acting as minister of finance," Dr Mahathir told reporters after a function at his office here.

The prime minister also confirmed that Tun Daim Zainuddin had resigned from all government posts as well as that of UMNO Treasurer.

Asked whether his (Dr Mahathir's) appointments would be permanent, the prime minister said they were only temporary prior the appointment of new people.

Dr Mahathir had previously been finance minister in late 1998 after the regional financial crisis erupted. -- BERNAMA

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