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KUALA LUMPUR: Tabung Haji's Tan Sri Ismee Ismail has re-emerged as a potential candidate for the Bank Negara Malaysia governor post, days

before Tan Sri Dr Zeti Akhtar Aziz's tenure ends on Saturday.

This followed rumours that Ismee is stepping down as Tabung Haji group managing director and chief executive officer (CEO).

Some reports, however, speculated that Ismee was heading for Sime Darby Bhd to replace the conglomerate's president and

group chief executive, Tan Sri Mohd Bakke Salleh.

A Sime Darby spokesman said it was not aware of any changes in its top management.

Separately, Tabung Haji's representatives said it would not be issuing any statement for the time being while text messages to Ismee remained unanswered.

Ismee was cited as a potential candidate several months ago, accord-

ing to Bloomberg, which cited two people familiar with the matter.

He has been CEO of Tabung Haji since 2006.

It is learnt that Ismee had told some people recently his time at Tabung Haji might come to an end soon.

Other candidates for the Bank Negara governor post are said to be Treasury secretary-general Tan

Sri Mohd Irwan Serigar Abdullah, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Abdul Wahid Omar, Malaysia's ambassador to the United States Datuk Awang Adek Hussin and Bank Negara deputy governor Datuk Muhammad Ibrahim.



Tan Sri Ismee Ismail