

HUSSEIN - OPERATION

KUALA LUMPUR, JAN. 20 (BERNAMA) — PRIME MINISTER DATUK HUSSEIN ONN WILL LEAVE FOR LONDON ON SATURDAY FOR A CORONARY BY-PASS OPERATION.

A PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT STATEMENT TODAY SAID THE NEED FOR THE OPERATION WAS INDICATED IN A TEST WHICH HE UNDERWENT DURING HIS LEAVE IN LONDON IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR.

THE TEST SHOWED THAT THERE WAS A NARROWING OF THE BLOOD VESSELS.

+THE HEART IS OTHERWISE NORMAL, + THE STATEMENT ADDED.

+IN ORDER TO REMEDY THIS CONDITION A BY-PASS OPERATION WAS RECOMMENDED.

+AFTER CONSULTING PHYSICIANS AND LOCAL SPECIALISTS, THE PRIME MINISTER HAS DECIDED TO UNDERGO THIS OPERATION. +

DATUK HUSSEIN WILL BE AWAY FOR A MONTH. DURING HIS ABSENCE, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD WILL BE ACTING PRIME MINISTER AND DATUK AMARHAJI ABDUL TAIB MAHMUD WILL ACT AS THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE, THE STATEMENT SAID.

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DATUK HUSSEIN WILL CHAIR A MEETING OF THE UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL HERE ON SATURDAY MORNING BEFORE LEAVING FOR LONDON, BERNAMA UNDERSTANDS.

THE MEETING IS EXPECTED TO DISCUSS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE PARTY'S GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN MID JUNE.

MEANWHILE, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD, WHO IS NOW LEADING THE MALAYSIAN DELEGATION TO THE ISLAMIC HEADS OF GOVERNMENT SUMMIT AT TAIF, SAUDI ARABIA, IS EXPECTED TO RETURN ON FRIDAY.

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