

# Chest Pains Put Mahathir In Hospital

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KUALA LUMPUR - Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad was hospitalized after complaining of chest pains, but doctors said he was in stable and satisfactory condition.

A spokesman for the prime minister said Dr. Mahathir is likely to remain in hospital for a few days, "but it is nothing serious."

Dr. C. Fonseka, director of the government hospital where Dr. Mahathir was taken, said Dr. Robaayah Zambahari, a senior cardiologist, is attending to the 63-year-old leader. "His condition is stable and satisfactory," Dr. Fonseka said.

Hospital sources said the prime minister walked into the hospital on his own. Deputy Prime Minister Abdul Ghafar Baba confirmed that Dr. Mahathir had been hospitalized Wednesday morning after complaining of chest pains, but he refused to reveal further details.

Dr. Mahathir, a physician himself who graduated from the University of Singapore in 1957, became Malaysia's prime minister in 1981 after serving as deputy prime minister from 1976.

Relatives and close friends of Dr. Mahathir said he has had minor problems with blood pressure, but they added that Wednesday was the first time the leader was hospitalized after suffering chest pains.

Mr. Mahathir was scheduled to meet visiting Thai Prime Minister Chatichai Choonhavan, but government officials said the afternoon meeting was canceled.