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KUALA LUMPUR, FEB 3 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY THAT HE WAS EXTREMELY GRATEFUL TO ALL WHO PRAYED FOR HIS EARLY RECOVERY AFTER UNDERGOING A CORONARY BY-PASS OPERATION AT THE KUALA LUMPUR GENERAL HOSPITAL HERE RECENTLY.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID HE AND HIS FAMILY WERE DEEPLY TOUCHED BY THE EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY AND CONCERN SHOWN BY EVERYBODY AND EXPRESSED THEIR HEARTFELT THANKS.

IN A PRESS STATEMENT ISSUED AFTER BEING DISCHARGED FROM THE HOSPITAL TODAY, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID HE WAS GRATEFUL TO ALLAH FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE OPERATION.

HE AND HIS WIFE DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASHAH ALI AND FAMILY EXPRESSED THEIR GRATITUDE TO THE SPECIALISTS, TEAM OF DOCTORS, NURSES AND STAFF OF THE HOSPITAL FOR SUCCESSFULLY PERFORMING THE OPERATION AND FOR THEIR KIND CARE AND ATTENTION.

THEY ALSO EXPRESSED THEIR GRATITUDE TO YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG AND THE RAJA PERMAISURI AGONG FOR TAKING TIME TO VISIT THE PRIME MINISTER AT THE HOSPITAL. -- MORE

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THEY ALSO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO THE RULERS AND THEIR CONSORTS, THE REGENTS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ROYALTY FOR VISITING THE PRIME MINISTER AND FOR SENDING HIM GET-BETTER MESSAGES.

FOLLOWING IS THE PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT IN FULL:

+MY FAMILY AND I ARE GRATEFUL TO ALLAH THE ALMIGHTY FOR THE SUCCESS OF MY OPERATION RECENTLY.

WE TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO THEIR MAJESTIES THE YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG AND THE RAJA PERMAISURI AGONG FOR TAKING TIME TO VISIT ME AT THE KUALA LUMPUR GENERAL HOSPITAL.

MY FAMILY AND I ALSO WISH TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION TO THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES AND THEIR CONSORTS AND THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES THE REGENTS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ROYALTY FOR KINDLY VISITING ME AND FOR SENDING ME GET-BETTER MESSAGES.

WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK ALL THE YANG DI-PERTUA NEGARI FOR SENDING ME SIMILAR MESSAGES. -- MORE

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WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK CABINET MINISTERS, ALL MENTERIS BESAR AND CHIEF MINISTERS, DIGNITARIES, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO CAME TO HOSPITAL, SENT BOUQUET OF FLOWERS AS WELL AS CARDS AND TELEGRAMS WISHING ME SPEEDY RECOVERY.

OUR THANKS ALSO GO TO FOREIGN LEADERS, DIGNITARIES AND INDIVIDUALS FROM ABROAD AS WELL AS THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY IN MALAYSIA, WHO SENT MESSAGES AND TELEGRAMS.

MY FAMILY AND I ARE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL TO ALL WHO PRAYED FOR MY EARLY RECOVERY.

WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION TO THE SPECIALISTS, TEAM OF DOCTORS, NURSES AND STAFF OF THE KUALA LUMPUR GENERAL HOSPITAL FOR SUCCESSFULLY PERFORMING THE OPERATION AND FOR THEIR KIND CARE AND ATTENTION.

MY FAMILY AND I ARE DEEPLY TOUCHED BY THE EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY AND CONCERN SHOWN BY EVERYBODY AND WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR HEARTFELT THANKS+. -- BERNAMA

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