

Malaysians thanked for their prayers, concern

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. — Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir **Mohamad** today thanked Malaysians from all walks of life who prayed for his speedy recovery.

The Prime Minister said his wife, family and he were deeply touched by the "expressions of sympathy and concern shown by everybody".

Dr Mahathir expressed his heartfelt thanks to all those who wished him well.

His family and he also expressed their gratitude to the specialists and the team of doc-

tors, nurses and staff of the hospital for successfully performing the operation and their care and attention.

The Prime Minister also expressed his gratitude to the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, the Raja Permaisuri Agong, the Rulers and other members of royalty who visited him.

Dr Mahathir also thanked the numerous foreign leaders and dignitaries who had sent him get-well messages.

The full text of his statement, issued soon after he was discharged, reads:

"My family and I are grateful to Allah the Almighty for the success of my operation recently."

"We take this 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, the Rulers and their Consorts, and their Royal

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Highnesses, the Regents and other members of the royalty, for kindly visiting me and for sending me get-well messages.

"We also wish to thank all the Yang Di-Pertuan Negeri for sending me similar messages.

"We would like to thank Cabinet Ministers, all Menteri Besar and Chief Ministers, dignitaries, Government officials and members of the public who came to the hospital, sent bouquets 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 expressions of sympathy and concern shown by everybody and would like to express our heartfelt thanks."