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MAHATHIR-DISCHARGE (WITH PIX) R'R'R'

KUALA LUMPUR, FEB 2 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD, WHO UNDERWENT A CORONARY BYPASS OPERATION AT THE KUALA LUMPUR GENERAL HOSPITAL HERE 10 DAYS AGO, IS EXPECTED TO BE DISCHARGED IN A DAY OR TWO.

HOSPITAL DIRECTOR DATUK DR C. FONSEKA TOLD NEWSMEN WHO VISITED THE PRIME MINISTER AT HIS WARD TODAY THAT DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WAS PROGRESSING VERY WELL SINCE THE OPERATION ON JAN 24.

THE HEAD OF THE TEAM WHICH CONDUCTED THE OPERATION, CARDIAC SURGEON YAHYA AWANG, WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT, SAID HE WAS EXTREMELY SATISFIED WITH THE PRIME MINISTER'S PROGRESS.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO WAS WITH HIS WIFE ON A SETTEE, WAS VISIBLY MOVED WITH THE SUDDEN APPEARANCE OF ABOUT A DOZEN PRESSMEN AND PHOTOGRAPHERS.

+I SEE SOME OLD FACES HERE,+ HE COMMENTED.

ASKED HOW HE FELT, HE SAID: +I FEEL FINE,+ -- MORE
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THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO WISH MALAYSIAN CHINESE +SONG X L FA CHAI+.

DATUK SERI DAT IN PADUKA OR S L T L HASHAH THANKED MALAYSIANS OF ALL RACES F O R THEIR PRAYERS AND BEST WISHES FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S SPEEDY RECOVERY.

SHE ALSO THANKED THOSE WHO HAD SENT FLOWERS AND GET WELL MESSAGES.

THE PRIME MINISTER WALKED ABOUT THE ANTE-ROOM OF THE SPECIAL WARD AND ALSO CAME OUT TO T H E BALCONY.

H E JOKED U L T H HIS PRESS SECRETARY, ENCIK JALALLUDDIN BAHAUDIN, AND HIS DOCTORS. - BERNAMA

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