

PM: THANKS FOR THE PRAYERS

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Back to the grind in six weeks' time

DATUK (Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who underwent a coronary bypass operation on Jan 24 in a statement thanked all those who had prayed for his speedy recovery.

He said he and his family were deeply touched by the expressions of sympathy and concern.

The Prime Minister said he was grateful to Allah for the success of the operation.

Dr Mahathir and his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Ali, also expressed gratitude to the specialists, doctors, nurses and staff of the hospital for the care and attention shown him.

They also thanked the Yang di-Pertuan Agong and the Raja Permaisuri Agong for visiting him in hospital.

"We take the opportunity to express our gratitude to Their Majesties the Yang di-Pertuan Agong and Raja Permaisuri Agong.

Hospital staff

"My family and I would also like 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 and sending me get-well messages," Dr Mahathir said.

The Prime Minister also thanked all Yang Di-Pertuan Negeri for sending him similar messages.

Earlier at the hospital, a crowd, including hospital staff,

waited in the lobby outside the VIP ward to bid the Prime Minister farewell.

He left the hospital at 11am accompanied by Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah; his brother-in-law, former Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Haji Ahmad Razali Mohamed Ali; and Health Minister Datuk Chan Siang Sun.

General Hospital director Datuk Dr C. Fonseka told reporters that doctors examined the Prime Minister before he was discharged and were satisfied with the state of his progress and the condition of his heart.

He added that doctors would examine Dr Mahathir again in six weeks' time after which he should be able to resume his normal routine.