

# Doctors satisfied with Dr Mahathir's progress

## PM leaves

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**KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was discharged today from the Kuala Lumpur General Hospital after successfully undergoing a coronary bypass operation.**

Dr Mahathir, accompanied by his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah, left the hospital in his official car at 11am. He had been warded for 18 days.

The Prime Minister was admitted to the hospital on Jan 18 after complaining of chest pains. He was operated on on Jan 24 by a team of specialists comprising cardiac surgeons Yahya Awang and Rozali Wathooth and chief anaesthetist S. Radhakrishna.

KL General Hospital director Da-

tuk Dr G. Fonseka told reporters later the **Prime Minister** underwent a few tests yesterday and was examined by his doctors this morning.

He said the doctors were satisfied with his rate of progress and the condition of his heart.

"Dr Mahathir will be recuperating at home but doctors have advised him to limit his visitors.

"He will be assessed **again** in six weeks, after which he **will** resume his normal duties." Datuk Dr Fonseka said.

He said the Prime Minister was a model patient.

"He never made excessive demands and the General Hospital is proud that he had chosen **the** hospital for treatment," he added.

Datuk Dr Fonseka said Dr Mahathir had shown his trust in doctors in the country.

He hoped this would serve as an example to other Malaysians who would not overlook the availability

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## Hospital staff give grand send-off

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of local specialists who could perform coronary bypass operations.

Earlier, at the VIP ward, the imam of the hospital mosque, Encik Radzmi Osman, recited the *doa selamat*.

The Prime Minister then left the ward, accompanied by Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah, his brother-in-law Datuk Haji Ahmad Razali Mohamed Ali (the former Menteri Besar of Selangor) and Health Minister Datuk Chan Siang Sun.

A crowd of well-wishers, including the hospital's medical and nursing staff, gathered at the entrance of the VIP ward to send him off.

Also present were Datuk Dr Fonseka, Dr Yahya and Dr Rozali.

The staff had put up a banner which read "Saudara Perdana Menteri, We Care for You".

Before leaving, the Prime Minister shook hands with the staff members.

At his official residence, Sri Perdana, Dr Mahathir was welcomed by family members.