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MAHATHIR TO OPEN HAEMODIALYSIS CENTRE

SEREMBAN, Feb 17 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is expected to open the Mawar Haemodialysis Centre in Jalan Rasah here on Feb 24.

Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohamed Isa Abdul Samad said the RM6 million centre could have 100 haemodialysis machines for the treatment of kidney patients.

"Initially, 15 machines will be installed on its opening on Mac 1, and kidney patients will be charged as low as RM70 for using the machines," he told reporters after visiting the centre where workmen were putting the finishing touches to the building.

Those who could not afford to pay for the treatment would be given assistance from a special fund set up by the centre, he said.

On the opening day, Dr Mahathir is also scheduled to attend a fund-raising reception at the NS Padang here, where contributions are expected from companies and individuals.

Isa also proposed that several such machines be installed at district hospitals for the benefit of rural patients. -- BERNAMA

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