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Mohd Zin still in coma after stroke

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - Malacca Chief Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Zin Abdul Ghani remains in a coma at the Tawakal Hospital's Intensive Care Unit today after suffering a stroke yesterday.

Malacca State Secretary Datuk Wira Abdul Rahman Jamal said Mohd Zin's condition was stable.

"He is unconscious but his condition is stable. The doctors are doing their best.

"There is nothing to worry (about). It (being unconscious) is normal under such circumstances," he told reporters at the hospital.

Abdul Rahman said the State administration would continue as usual but matters relating to policies would be referred to the Federal Government.

The Yang Dipertua Negeri of Malacca Tun Syed Ahmad Shahabudin, Deputy Education Minister Datuk Dr Fong Chan Onn and Deputy Science, Technology and Environment Minister Datuk Abu Bakar Daud were among those who visited him today.

Malacca State executive councillors, senior State government officials and relatives were also at the hospital.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and several Umno supreme council members had visited Mohd Zin last night.

Mohd Zin's senior private secretary Naim Mohamad said the Chief Minister, who was scheduled to attend the Umno 51st anniversary celebrations at the Putra World Trade Centre yesterday after Saturday's Umno supreme council meeting, suffered a stroke about 4.30am at the Pan Pacific Hotel where he was staying.

Meanwhile, Bernama quoted Malacca Umno veteran Datuk Aziz Tapa as saying that Mohd Zin was in a critical condition and doctors had said his chances of recovery were slim. Aziz said this after visiting Mohd Zin.

In Malacca, two State executive councillors expressed the hope that Mohd Zin would recover soon.

State Health and Human Resources Committee chairman Datuk Wira Gan Boon Leong said he hoped the Chief Minister would get well soon and continue to administer the State.

"Malacca has been expanding by leaps and bounds under his leadership. We pray for his early recovery."

Datuk Mukmin Abdul Aziz, who went to the hospital last night, expressed similar hope.

"As a leader, he has set a good example to the people. This can be seen in the various development projects that have taken shape in the State. He also has the people's welfare in mind.

"We still need his leadership to steer us to more progress. I pray that he will recover," he added.

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