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DR MAHATHIR DISCHARGED AFTER MINOR SURGERY

KUALA LUMPUR, May 23 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was today discharged from the Universiti Kebangsaan Hospital in Cheras here where he underwent treatment for a week following a minor ankle surgery, the Office of the Prime Minister said.

Dr Mahathir and wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali thanked well-wishers and those who sent flowers and prayed for his quick recovery, the prime minister's office said in a statement.

They both also thanked doctors and staff of the UKM Hospital for the treatment and hospitality.

Last May 16 Dr Mahathir underwent a surgery to remove a blood clot from his left ankle and doctors advised him to rest for several days.

The prime minister was allowed to leave the hospital last Wednesday to chair the weekly Cabinet meeting but returned there immediately after that to continue treatment and recuperate.

Dr Mahathir had accidentally kicked a stone and injured his left ankle on May 7 on the eve of his departure for an official visit to Egypt and Sudan.

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