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MAHATHIR RESUMES OFFICIAL DUTIES

KUALA LUMPUR, May 20 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today resumed official duties after recuperating four days at the Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) Hospital in Cheras where he underwent a minor operation to remove a blood clot in his left ankle.

The prime minister started the day by chairing the weekly Cabinet meeting, a statement from the Prime Minister's office said today

However, after the meeting Dr Mahathir returned to the hospital for follow-up treatment as advised by doctors until his leg fully recovered.

"Dr Mahathir and his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali thanked well-wishers and those who prayed for his speedy recovery," it said.

Dr Mahathir was warded at the hospital last Saturday when his left leg was swollen due to a blood clot at the ankle when he accidentally kicked a stone.

The incident happened on May 7, a day before the prime minister left for a eight-day visit to Egypt and Sudan.

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