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PM resting in IJN, recovering well from bronchitis

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is recovering well from bronchitis and is now resting at the Institut Jantung Negara.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said today Dr Mahathir had been advised by doctors to remain in hospital so that he could rest.

"Knowing the Prime Minister, he will be out working and organising a lot of things if he is out of hospital. He must be given the opportunity to rest," he told reporters at the Parliament lobby after tabling the White Paper on the Status of the Country's Economy at the Dewan Rakyat.

Abdullah advised the people not to worry about the Prime Minister's condition.

Asked to comment on rumours that Dr Mahathir was suffering from heart problems, Abdullah said there was no basis for the rumour.

"It is unfair to spread rumours like these. There is no need to create such stories because there is no truth to it.

"His hospitalisation has nothing to do with his heart," he said.

Abdullah said Dr Mahathir was in stable and good condition.

"When I visited Dr Mahathir this afternoon, the doctors told me his condition is stable and he is still resting.

"I hope he will recover soon and resume his duties," he told reporters after representing Dr Mahathir at the opening of the Men's Tailoring Exhibition organised by Spark Manshop Sdn Bhd in conjunction with its 21st anniversary.

Meanwhile, Opposition leader Lim Kit Siang expressed the hope that Dr Mahathir would recover soon and return to perform his duties as Prime Minister.

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