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PM calls on ex-deputy minister in hospital

KUALA LUMPUR: Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad visited former Deputy Health Minister Datuk K. Pathmanaban at the Pantai Medical Centre here yesterday morning.

Pathmanaban, 63, was admitted to the hospital's intensive care unit with kidney and liver problems on Feb 3.

The Prime Minister spent about half an hour with the former MIC vice-president whose condition is said to be stable.

Pathmanaban's son, Praveen, said they talked about his father's health as well as politics.

"Dr Mahathir wished my father well and a quick recovery," he said, adding that a close friend of his father and the Pantai Medical Centre CEO were also present in the room.

Pathmanaban, a member of the Human Rights Commission, was admitted after returning from India where he attended the wedding of a relative.

He is a senior management consultant and sits on the board of several public listed companies.

Pathmanaban is also the chairman of the National Kidney Foundation of Malaysia and the AIA Have-a-Heart Fund Board of Trustees.

Apparently only immediate family members are allowed to visit him.