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THANK YOU, THE YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG TELLS THE PEOPLE

SINGAPORE, Oct 15 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah who is recuperating after undergoing a minor surgery at the Mount Elizabeth Hospital here on Oct 6 today thanked the people for praying for his recovery.

His Majesty said that he was recovering well following the two-hour operation to have a pacemaker implanted.

"I thank God...alhamdulillah I'm getting better. There is nothing to worry about...the operation went smoothly and the care and treatment given are excellent. I'm satisfied.

"Convey my salam to the people in Malaysia and also Selangor for their prayer. It's been a long time since I've had to undergo this kind of treatment...it's been almost a month," he said in a 20-minute audience granted to to Bernama and RTM.

The King also thanked Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for making three visits since his admission and the advice extended to him.

Sultan Salahuddin, accompanied by the Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Siti Aishah, said that he had received so many bouquets and hundreds of get well cards from Malaysians working in Singapore.

The King also thanked heads of state, his brother Rulers and members of the royal family for visiting him in hospital. The Sultan of Brunei and Singapore President S.R.Nathan were among his visitors.

His Majesty appeared cheerful even though he moved slowly when walking around the ward and greeting the hospital staff. It was the third time he had walked about in the ward since the operation.

Yesterday, he was taken out for a drive for about an hour.

"Please pray that I'm well. InsyaAllah, I'll be home. I'm already bored being here," said the King, who is cared for by a team of 14 specialists including three Malaysians.

In his room, the King has a photograph of his first great grandchild, three-month old Tengku Syed Aqil Harryth, son of his grandson, Tengku Syed Budriz Jamallulail.

The hospital's consultant cardiologist, Datuk Dr Richard Ng, said Sultan Salahuddin was doing well and would remain under observation for another week.

Today, Acting Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin, and the King's sister, Tengku Ampuan Bariah, visited him at the hospital.

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