

Fadzil still unconscious but doctors say condition better

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. → One week after undergoing a coronary by-pass operation, Pas president Datuk Fadzil Mohd Noor is still unconscious.

However, doctors monitoring him at the Hospital Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia in Cheras where he had the five-hour surgery on June 10, said his condition is improving.

Fadzil's political secretary, Dr Mohd Hatta Ramli, who is also monitoring the Opposition Leader's post-operative recovery, said today Fadzil's condition was improving.

"Give him a little bit more time. His condition is improving although he has yet to regain consciousness," he said when asked when doctors were expecting Fadzil to regain consciousness.

Doctors have said before that due to Fadzil's previous health record, post-operative recovery was expected to be slow and complex.

Fadzil, who is Pendang MP and the assemblyman for Anak Bukit, is still being closely monitored by medical and surgical specialists.

He was admitted to the hospital on June 6 for a follow-up medical examination after his admission for chest pains on May 10 at the Kuala Terengganu Hospital.

It was then decided that he needed urgent by-pass surgery.

His health condition is believed to have deteriorated by work stress caused during the

party's recent general assembly in Kota Baru.

Although doctors are restricting visitors to close family members and VIPs, Fadzil continued to receive a stream of visitors.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad visited Fadzil on Friday night and his deputy Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi a day earlier.

Pas deputy president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang were among those who visited Fadzil today.

In **Kuala Terengganu**, The Pas-led State Government will proceed with the tabling of the Syariah Criminal Bill at next month's State Assembly sitting despite an application filed in the Federal Court on Friday.

Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang said today the application filed by lawyer Zaid Ibrahim would not jeopardise the State Government's move to table the Bill during the special three-day assembly from July 7.

"People can file any applications but this would not stop us from tabling the Bill," said Hadi, who is also Pas deputy president, when met at Sultan Mahmud Airport.

Zaid, who is Kota Baru Umno division head, on Friday sought leave from the Federal Court to apply for a declaration that the Kelantan and Terengganu State Governments had no right to enact any criminal laws.