

Fadzil's condition takes turn for the worse

KUALA LUMPUR: PAS president Datuk Fadzil Noor's condition deteriorated last night as party leaders and supporters gathered at Hospital Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia here, where he is being warded after undergoing a heart coronary bypass surgery.

Fadzil, who is also the Opposition leader, has never regained consciousness after the surgery around two weeks ago although the hospital had reported him as showing some slight improvement recently. The hospital had attributed a "slow and complex" post-operative recovery to Fadzil's previous health condition.

According to party sources, his condition was "bad."

"His condition began to deteriorate in the last 24 hours," the sources said.

Fadzil had received several visitors during his hospitalisation, including Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and Dewan Rakyat Speaker Tun Zahir Ismail and his deputies Datuk Lim Si Cheng and Datuk Muhammad Abdullah.