

Deputy minister in stable condition after collapsing at PMO

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Selangor MP Mohamed Hanipa Maidin is in a stable condition after collapsing midway through Prime Minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad's monthly speech to the civil service at the Prime Minister's Office in Putrajaya earlier today.

"He is conscious and in a stable condition. I urge the public to not spread any form of speculations regarding his health condition," the Amanah lawmaker's special media officer Anas As-Said Zaharuddin said in a statement.

This morning, Hanipa, who is the deputy minister in the Prime Minister's Department for legal affairs, was standing at the edge of the stage with a lineup of ministers prior to fainting, about five minutes into Mahathir's speech.

He collapsed onstage before falling off the roughly half-metre stage, landing headfirst onto the tiled floor of the square.

The crowd reacted with shock, and Mahathir briefly paused his speech while the other ministers went to check on Hanipa.

Hanipa suffered a stroke and underwent surgery for brain haemorrhage in 2016. Several Civil Defence Department officers rushed to attend to him while the prime minister continued with his speech.

An ambulance arrived shortly after and medics attended to Hanipa, who was lying motionless on the ground, before rushing him to receive medical care, which was later understood to be at the Putrajaya Hospital.

Hanipa was later seen making some motions as he was being carried towards the ambulance.

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