

# **I'm down but surviving, says Mahathir**

KUALA LUMPUR: There are ups and downs in life, said Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"I am surviving," the former prime minister said at his open house in Mines Resort City, adding that he felt "great".

After eight hours of welcoming thousands of well-wishers to his open house at his residence here yesterday, Dr Mahathir, 82, still looked fresh and was in jovial mood.

"There are ups and downs in life. Now I am down," he quipped.

Culture, Arts and Heritage Minister Datuk Pa'duka Seri Dr Rais Yatim, who was also present at the open house, said the meeting between Dr Mahathir and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi on Sunday should be viewed with optimism, not pessimism.

He said it was a good start.