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Dr M's condition stable

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KUALA LUMPUR: Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's condition remains stable after a coronary bypass surgery on Tuesday.

Doctors at the National Heart Institute (IHN), headed by medical director Datuk Seri Dr Robaayah Zambahari, are continuing intensive chest physiotherapy to improve and optimise his respiratory function.

The anaesthetic team, lead by Datuk Dr Mohd Hassan Mohd Ariff,

has also started him on exercises involving his arms and legs.

IHN said in a statement that Dr Mahathir would continue to be warded at the intensive care unit and visits were still limited to immediate family members.

Two days ago, he began a soft diet, which includes ice cream in the morning and porridge for lunch.

This is Dr Mahathir's second bypass. The first was at the Kuala Lumpur General Hospital on Jan 24, 1989.