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Dr M has roti canai for breakfast

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KUALA LUMPUR: Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad is making steady progress after his second coronary bypass last Tuesday. Though still in intensive care, he yesterday had a breakfast of roti canai and a high energy milk drink.

His son, Datuk Mokhzani Mahathir, said his father was cheerful, talking, eating and walking slowly.

"We are so happy to see him progressing so well," he told the *New Straits Times*.

He said his mother, Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, was also much happier than she was in the first 48 hours after the surgery.

"She is happy to see her husband getting stronger as the days go by, and to see all of us there with him."

Mokhzani said the doctors had given the green light to give Dr Mahathir solid food to help him regain his strength.

"He's OK. Just look at the picture. It says it all," he said, adding that the doctors were still closely monitoring his progress.

The National Heart Institute (IHN) said in a statement yesterday that after his breakfast, Dr Mahathir had a full shower and took a

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slow walk around his bed.

"He will continue with intensive physiotherapy," IJN said.

The five-and-a-half hour operation last Tuesday was performed by a six-member team of surgeons headed by Tan Sri Dr Yahya Awang.

The team also comprised Mayo Clinic cardiothoracic surgery chief Prof Dr Hartzell Schaff, Datuk Dr Rozali Wathooth, Datuk Dr Azhari Yakub, Datuk Dr Venugopal Balchand and Dr Mohamed Ezani Mohd Taib.

Visits are still limited to family members.

