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Dr M to have bypass surgery

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PETALING JAYA: Former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad will undergo coronary bypass surgery at the National Heart Institute (IJN) tomorrow morning.

His son, Datuk Mokhzani Mahathir confirmed that Dr Mahathir had been admitted into IJN yesterday for the surgery.

"He is all right and preparing for the operation. He wanted to wait until after the Merdeka celebrations," he said when contacted yesterday.

Dr Mahathir's most recent public appearance was during the Merdeka Day Parade at Dataran Merdeka, Kuala Lumpur, with his wife Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali where he was seen waving the *Jalur Gemilang* to the beat of the music.

Mokhzani said Dr Siti Hasmah was with his father at the hospital. IJN is expected to release a statement on Dr Mahathir today.

No visitors are allowed.

"We ask that all Malaysians pray for his good health," Mokhzani added.

Dr Mahathir underwent a coronary bypass operation in 1989 at the Kuala Lumpur Hospital following a heart attack.