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Mahathir in 'best of hands'

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PETALING JAYA: Former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad is "in the best of hands", his son Datuk Mokhzani Mahathir told *The Star* yesterday.

He said Dr Mahathir was doing fine and family members were with him at the National Heart Institute.

Dr Mahathir, who was admitted on Sunday, is scheduled to undergo an elective coronary bypass surgery at the institute today.

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

"He is in the best of hands and we are leaving the rest to God.

"He is doing fine and everybody is okay. He is eating as usual," said Mokhzani.

The institute said yesterday Tan Sri Dr Yahya Awang - the surgeon who performed the first cardiac coronary bypass on Dr Mahathir - would head the surgical team.

It said its medical director Datuk Seri Dr Robaayah Zambahari was heading the panel of doctors attending to him.

"Doctors have advised against Tun Dr Mahathir receiving any visitors, with the exception of immediate family members," it said.