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Mahathir's off ventilator

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KUALA LUMPUR: Former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad is breathing on his own after being taken off a ventilator yesterday following a surgery for wound infection over the weekend.

His daughter Datin Paduka Marina Mahathir told *The Star* that her father would also be on a soft diet.

The road to recovery would be the

same as when Dr Mahathir had his second coronary bypass surgery at the National Heart Institute (IJN) on Sept 4, she said.

Marina posted on her blog <http://www.rantingsbymm.blogspot.com/> yesterday evening that Dr Mahathir was taken off the ventilator at 2.30pm and able to speak a few words.

"Think mum is going to treat him to some ice-cream tonight," she wrote of her mother Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali's plan for Dr Mahathir's meal.

She also wrote that Dr Siti Hasmah was thinking of bolstering Dr Mahathir's spirit by showing him photographs of their grandchildren.