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Dr M conscious, doctors happy with progress

KUALA LUMPUR: Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad is conscious and continues to be on close monitoring, the National Heart Institute (IJN) said in a statement last night.

It said IJN doctors were happy with his progress and he is able to receive visits from his immediate family members.

"Dr Mahathir remains stable in the intensive care unit at IJN following his second surgical procedure last Saturday night," the statement added.

Earlier, Mahathir's daughter, Datin Paduka Marina, told reporters at IJN her father had to undergo rehabilitation again after the surgery on Saturday to treat wound infection.

She said that after the three-hour operation, Mahathir was

in stable condition and had been put on routine post-surgery support.

Marina, who has kept the public updated on her father's post-surgery condition, said the former premier was sedated but woke up from time to time and responded to family, including winking at her.

In her blog *Rantings by MM*, Marina said although the family was optimistic about his recovery, they were refraining from celebrating too soon.

"But it would be foolish to pretend that a heart bypass, followed very soon by another operation, are not major things to subject anyone to. So it is a big deal," she said in yesterday morning's blog post after meeting with her father.

"Right now, they are pleased with how he's doing, but they are being super-cautious because it is a day-to-day thing."

Mahathir's special officer, Sufi Yusoff, urged the people not to listen to or spread rumours about the former prime minister's health condition.

"The IJN is responsible and will not withhold any information with regards to Tun's health ... please do not spread rumours," he said when contacted by Bernama.

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