

Dr M is on the mend, says son

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KUALA LUMPUR: Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's breathing difficulties were caused by lung congestion associated with a heart attack, the National Heart Institute's consultant cardiologist Datuk Dr Nasir Muda said yesterday.

The former prime minister's bronchitis had also worsened.

Dr Nasir, who is Dr Mahathir's personal physician, said the former prime minister was in the coronary care unit and was responding positively to treatment.

"He is expected to continue with chest physiotherapy and light exercises."

Dr Mahathir was first admitted to hospital in Langkawi on Monday when he complained of breathing difficulties. He and his wife, Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, were on the island for a two-day visit.

He was flown back here on Tuesday and taken to the IJN.

His son, Mokhzani, said his father was doing fine.

Dr Mahathir had tomyam mee soup for lunch and asked for a tuna sandwich. This took the family by surprise as he does not eat fish.

"He is not walking yet as he is tired and his energy level is still low," Mokhzani said.

Among his visitors were Datuk Seri Rosmah Mansor, wife of Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, and Rural and Regional Development Minister Datuk Seri Abdul Aziz Shamsuddin.