



Tun Dr Mahathir and Tun Dr Siti Hasmah keep up with the newsmakers from his room at IJN. — Bernama picture

Congratulations, say Dr M, wife

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KUALA LUMPUR: Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is recuperating from breathing difficulties at the National Heart Institute (IJN), yesterday congratulated the Raja Muda of Perak, Raja Dr Nazrin Shah, on his marriage to Tuanku Zara Salim.

The former prime minister and his wife, Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, followed developments of the royal wedding in the newspapers from Room 11 of the coronary care unit.

"I feel much better now," he said in an interview, but added that he was not sure when he would be discharged from the premier heart centre.

He thanked the doctors and staff of IJN and Langkawi Hospital for taking good care of him.

Dr Mahathir, who complained of breathing difficulties while on a two-day private visit to Langkawi on Monday, was transferred to IJN on Tuesday from Langkawi Hospital.

Dr Siti Hasmah also thanked the people, including

the Langkawi folk who prayed for her husband's speedy recovery at special sessions at mosques on the tourist island.

Dr Mahathir said he could now walk around his bed in his room, and was not feeling dizzy nor having difficulty in breathing.

"I also have no dietary restrictions," he said cheerfully, occasionally cracking jokes with his personal staff in his room.

Dr Mahathir said that once he was discharged, he would ease up on his hectic schedule, on the advice of his personal physician and IJN's consultant cardiologist Datuk Dr Nasir Muda.

Dr Nasir said Dr Mahathir would be at IJN for a few more days, but did not give a definite date on when the former prime minister would be discharged.

"Dr Mahathir needs to undergo chest physiotherapy daily and must be under doctors' observation." — Bernama