

# Mahathir in hospital

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**LANGKAWI:** Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has been admitted to the Langkawi Hospital after complaining of breathing difficulties.

His condition is reported to be stable.

Dr Mahathir had arrived here for a private visit early yesterday. He was admitted to the hospital at 4.15pm, accompanied by his wife Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali and personal physician.

Kedah medical director Dr Hasnah Ismail said Dr Mahathir first received treatment at the emergency department before being transferred to the intensive care unit.

Datuk Mukhriz Mahathir told reporters that his father's condition was stable but the family was not sure when he would be discharged.

"He is sedated but conscious. He asked for a drink. If he gets better, we will transfer him to Kuala Lumpur.

"We are optimistic that he will recover from this small episode."

All of Dr Mahathir's family members, except for Mokhzani who is on his way back from overseas, arrived here upon learning of his illness.

Some 50 well-wishers turned up at the hospital, including sailor Datuk Azhar Mansor.

Dr Mahathir has been admitted to hospital twice in the last six months.

Dr Siti Hasmah said only family members were allowed to visit Dr Mahathir.