

# Dr M moved to IJN from Langkawi

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad was transferred to the National Heart Institute (IJN) from the Langkawi Hospital and remains in stable condition with no breathing difficulties.

A statement released yesterday by IJN said that Dr Mahathir was awake and conscious and was being monitored in the coronary care unit (CCU).

Dr Mahathir, the statement said, was transferred to IJN by air from the Langkawi Hospital at 10.40am. He was accompanied by his wife Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali and medical teams from Langkawi Hospital and IJN.

He arrived at IJN in an ambulance at 1.20pm.

His son Datuk Mukhriz Mahathir said his father was doing much better now and was in good spirits.

"He joked with me that his nose was too big for the oxygen mask. It is something he is wearing on and off," he said.

When asked whether doctors had pinpointed the cause of his breathing difficulties, Mukhriz said it had not been ascertained.

"Based on his past history, we can assume that this episode is related to that," he said.

Dr Mahathir was admitted to the Langkawi Hospital on Monday night after complaining of breathing difficulties. He has been admitted to hospital twice in the past six months.

Mukhriz added that his father had caused a "bit of a scare" for his mother.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, who is in Langkawi for a meeting with his Singaporean counterpart Lee Hsien Loong, said he hoped that Dr Mahathir "will be looked after and get the treatment."