

Dr Mahathir getting better but no visitors allowed yet

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KUALA LUMPUR: Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad continued to show improvement in his health and even requested sandwiches for tea yesterday.

The former Prime Minister is now breathing on his own and undergoing chest physiotherapy at the National Heart Institute (IJN).

He is not talking much and has yet to be allowed to walk, but his appetite is back and he was given tuna sandwiches for tea.

Dr Mahathir was admitted to IJN after complaining of breathing problems while in Langkawi last weekend.

At a press conference yesterday, his daughter Datuk Paduka Marina Mahathir said the family was pleased with his progress and the way he had responded to treatment.

"But he still needs to be monitored continuously until the doctors think he is well enough. Doctors are keeping him in the cardiac care unit in IJN as a precautionary measure," she said.

She stressed that his condition was not related to his heart problem but caused by excessive fluids in the lungs.

IJN has advised against Dr Mahathir receiving visitors yet, apart from family members.

"We had two or three ministers who wanted visit our father but we told them that he needed his rest," said his eldest son Datuk Mokhzani.