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Dr M will not attend assembly

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DUBAI: Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad will give this year's Umno general assembly a miss, the second time since last year, following his recent heart surgery.

His son Datuk Mirzan Mahathir, who is here on a business trip, told the *New Straits Times* that all his father wanted to do was rest at home.

Dr Mahathir was discharged from the National Heart Institute (IJN) on Oct 21 after undergoing his second heart bypass surgery.

Dr Mahathir had his bypass on Sept 4 and a second surgery on Sept 22 to remove infected chest tissue.

His previous heart bypass surgery was in 1989.

In November last year, Dr Mahathir did not attend the Umno assembly after he was discharged from IJN a week earlier.

He had undergone treatment after suffering a mild heart attack.