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# Dr Mahathir 'doing well'

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** It has been liquid diet for Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad since yesterday.

The former premier is said to be making good progress into the second day of his post bypass surgery treatment at the National Heart Institute (IJN).

After 48 hours of close monitoring by doctors and nurses at the intensive care unit, IJN was satisfied with his recovery and started putting him on a liquid diet since yesterday morning.

Datuk Mukhriz Mahathir, the third son of Dr Mahathir, said that his father looked cheerful.

"When he initially emerged from sedation, he was a bit confused as to whether the second coronary bypass surgery was actually performed on him.

"When we told him that the operation was already done, he was relieved and happy."

Dr Mahathir, on regaining consciousness, was seen doing



Members of the public at the IJN trying to catch the latest development on the former premier.

his hand and leg exercise as well as trying to breath on his own.

Mukhriz said his father had also gripped the hands of the surgeons and their team and thanked them for making it a success.

"My father always had full trust in the IJN team and their abilities.

"Furthermore, he has a strong will to recover fast and he is very diligent in obeying the orders of the doctors."

Asked when Dr Mahathir would be transferred to the normal ward, Mukhriz said the family left the decision to the IJN experts as they knew best.

Mukhriz said his mother, Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, was happy the surgery went smoothly.

IJN in a statement said Dr Mahathir was fully conscious and able to converse with his family members.

It said he was currently undergoing intensive physiotherapy.