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Dr M in stable condition

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KUALA LUMPUR: Former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad is reported to be in stable condition at the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) of the National Heart Institute (IJN) here.

He was transferred back to the ICU from the Bunga Raya Ward, a normal ward, on Friday to enable doctors to observe him closely.

Dr Mahathir's daughter, Datin Paduka Marina, said her father was transferred back to the ICU as a precautionary measure to prevent any infection.

"His condition is stable. The doctors say Tun (Dr Mahathir) will remain longer in the ICU due to the need to prevent any infection.

"The doctors have imposed no restriction on Tun's food to enable him to gain strength," she said.

Marina said that for the moment only close relatives were allowed to call on Dr Mahathir so as to reduce the risk of infection.

Women, Family and Community Development Minister Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil and her husband, Datuk Dr Mohamed Salleh Ismail, were seen at the IJN lobby today after they had met Dr Mahathir's wife, Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali.

Dr Mahathir, 81, had been moved to the Bunga Raya Ward on Wednesday after having undergone his second coronary bypass operation the previous day at the IJN. —
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