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Dr M doing fine, better appetite

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KUALA LUMPUR: Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad is eating on his own at the Intensive Care Unit of the National Heart Institute.

The former prime minister's appetite had also improved, an IJN statement said.

"His vital parameters continue to be stable," it added.

Doctors are focusing on intensive exercises on his arms and legs as well as physiotherapy to optimise his respiratory functions and to increase muscle strength.

Dr Mahathir had a second coronary by-pass on Sept 4, his first being carried out at the Kuala Lumpur Hospital on Jan 24, 1989.

He was operated on by a six-member team of surgeons led by Tan Sri Dr Yahya Awang.

The team also comprised Mayo Clinic cardiothoracic surgery chief Prof Dr Hartzell Schaff, Datuk Dr Rozali Wathooth, Datuk Dr Azhari Yakub, Datuk Dr Venugopal Balchand and Dr Mohamed Ezani Mohd Taib.