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# Dr M undergoes another surgery

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad underwent a three-hour operation on Saturday to remove damaged tissue in a wound brought on by an infection.

The 82-year-old former prime minister, who had his second bypass on Sept 4, is in a stable condition.

A National Heart Institute (IJN) statement said the next 72 hours would prove crucial.

Dr Mahathir is on a respira-

tor and under medication. This is a normal precaution for people his age, besides taking into consideration that he has had two major surgeries in two weeks.

The same team which performed Dr Mahathir's second coronary bypass surgery conducted the three-hour "surgical wound debridement" at 11.30pm.

Dr Mahathir, who has been placed under "routine post-cardiac surgery support", is expected to remain in post-operative care for at least 36

hours.

Doctors and nurses at IJN's intensive care unit will be closely monitoring his condition.

Dr Mahathir underwent his first bypass in 1989.

Following his second bypass, he spent nine days at IJN's intensive care unit before being moved to a regular ward.

However, he was soon moved back to ICU to allow doctors to conduct investigations and observe his overall condition.