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KUALA LUMPUR: Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad is reported to be in stable condition in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) of the National Heart Institute (IIN).

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

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

"His condition is stable. The doctors say Tun 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."

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 IIN. He underwent his first such surgery at Kuala Lumpur Hospital in 1989.