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# Dr Mahathir in stable condition

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad is reported to be in a stable condition after being admitted to the National Heart Institute (IJN) since Thursday.

In a statement yesterday, his daughter, Datin Marina Mahathir, confirmed the Langkawi member of parliament was responding well to treatment.

“For two days, Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has been receiving treatment at IJN following a successful elective procedure on Jan 8.

“He is in a stable condition and responding well to the treatment.

“Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali and family hope Malaysians will pray for him to have a speedy and full recovery.”

Members of the press gathered at IJN yesterday after learning that Dr Mahathir had been admitted again.

There were rumours that he was in a critical condition.

It is learnt that Dr Mahathir, 96, was warded in UN’s Coronary Care Unit.

IJN said it would issue a statement on his condition soon.

At press time, there was no word yet from IJN on his status.

Earlier this month, Dr Mahathir was admitted to hospital for an elective procedure. Details of the procedure were not released.

On Dec 16, Dr Mahathir was admitted to IJN for a full medical check-up and further observation, then discharged on Dec 22.

He had undergone heart bypass operations in 1989 and 2007.

Malaysians took to Twitter to wish Dr Mahathir a speedy recovery.

Youth and Sports Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Faizal Azumu (@PejaofPerak) said: “Let us pray for Allah to always protect our

statesmen. We love you, Tun M.”

Segambut member of parliament Hannah Yeoh wrote: “Praying for you Tun @chedetofficial (Dr Mahathir’s Twitter handle). May God Almighty bless you, touch you and heal you.”

Twitter user @MatRodi\_MY called on Malaysians to remember Dr Mahathir’s contributions to the country and put aside political differences.

“I rarely write about my *doa* (prayers) on Twitter. However, this time, I hope we all can pray for Tun Dr Mahathir’s health and wellbeing.

“Our politics, policies and personalities can be different. But this human being has done so much for our country, religion and nation,” said the tweet.

In a tweet, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob confirmed that he visited IJN to check on Dr Mahathir’s condition.



Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad is admitted to the National Heart Institute’s Coronary Care Unit. FILE PIC

“Arrived at IJN just now to visit former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is admitted at IJN.

“I also met Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali here at IJN and I hope Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad’s family will stay strong,” he said.

Attached to the tweet was a photo of Ismail Sabri speaking to

Dr Siti Hasmah and her son, Tan Sri Mokhzani Mahathir.

Dr Mahathir is Malaysia’s longest-serving prime minister. He is the only person to have led the government twice, from 1981 to 2003, and 2018 to 2020.

He has been credited with Pakatan Harapan’s successful capturing of Putrajaya in the 2018 general election.