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Dr M welcomes move to defer privatisation

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KUALA LUMPUR: Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad is glad the government has decided to defer the privatisation of the National Heart Institute (IJN).

The former prime minister said he did not think privatisation of the institute was a good idea since it "was a unique foundation" based on its good work to date.

"There have not been any complaints about the IJN. It has performed well. Serving the rich and the poor. Everyone benefited from IJN, including myself," he said after receiving RM150,000 from the Foreign Ministry on behalf of the Kuala Lumpur Foundation to Criminalise War, which he chairs.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Dr Rais Yatim presented the cheque to Dr Mahathir at the Al-Bukhary Foundation here yesterday.

Dr Mahathir said the government should only privatise things it owned only if there was a good reason, "otherwise, it is not healthy".

On another note, Dr Mahathir said he was unable to reveal the list of Umno candidates involved in money politics due to lack of proof.

"I have to study the allegations. There is a lot of hearsay. They (delegates) give me names but no concrete details like where and how much. We need brave people to come forward and reveal this." — Bernama