

NANYANG SIANG PAU HIGHLIGHTS

31 DEC 96

1. KUALA LUMPUR: Twenty seven passengers were injured, three of them seriously, when a bus plunged into a ravine in Genting Highlands last night. Rescue work was hampered by poor visibility. Page 1. Lead story

2. KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohd. says Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Muhamad Muhamad Taib need not have to resign as the case of bringing out RM2.4 million from Australia is different from that of former Melaka Chief Minister Tan Sri Rahim Tamby Chik. Muhamd Taib says the money from his brothers is to purchase property in the Gold Coast. Page 1

3. LIMA: The hostage crisis is expected to be resolved soon. Reports say the Maxist rebels have softened their stand. Page 1

4. KUALA LUMPUR: Motorcyclists and drivers are advised not to carry flags while on the roads. Federal Traffic Chief Del Akbar warns that police have been instructed to take action against any offender on the eve of new year. Page 1

5. KLANG: Selangor Sultan says Tan Sri Muhamad Muhamad Taib's position will not be affected until the verdict by the Australian court. As the Sultan, he will not interfere in the state's political matters. Page 2

6. KUALA LUMPUR: The ACA may want Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Muhamad Muhamad Taib to explain the RM2.4 million he was carrying in Australia when detained in Brisbane. Its Director General Datuk Shafie Yahya says the agency will wait for him to explain first. Page 2

7. KUALA LUMPUR: The grace period for I/C holders to change their I/Cs will not be extended. Offenders face a maximum fine of RM3,000 or two years jail or both upon conviction. Page 3

8. KUALA LUMPUR: A salesman has been charged for murdering an 18-year old student under Section 302 of the Penal Code which carries the death sentence upon conviction. Alita Azahar is alleged to have murdered Yap Lee Kuan in a storeroom on the fourth floor of Maybank in Jalan Pudu. Page 4

9. KUANTAN: Police have crippled a bogus police gang which preyed on foreign workers with the arrest of 10 suspects. The gang comprising eight soldiers and three Felde settlers, is believed to have committed 15 robberies. Page 4

10. BEIJING: Foreign diplomatic sources say China-Russia ties are more cordial than US-China ties. They point out Taiwan is the stumbling block in the US-China relations. Page 14

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