

1. BEIRUT: World should pressure the major power to fulfill its promises to find peace in West Asia, stressed Dr Mahathir Mohamad who ended his visit to Lebanon yesterday. The Prime Minister said that Malaysia fully support the United Nations Resolution No. 425 which recognised the Palestine state but yet the major power refused to implement it. Lead story

2. KUALA LUMPUR: The Executive Council of National Malay Chamber of Commerce have the blessing of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim to nominate MAS chairman Tan Sri Tajuddin Ramli as president in its annual general meeting this Saturday. Page 1

3. MELAKA: Three people were injured in a brawl between two groups attending the Batu Berendam Umno branch annual meeting at Sekolah Kebangsaan Batu Berendam here Wednesday. Police were called in to stop the brawl involving 20 people, Batu Berendam UMNO division. Page 1

4. KUALA LUMPUR: Acting Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim says said the depreciation in the value of the ringgit is temporary and can be controlled within a short period. Page 1

5. BANGI: Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and President Suharto have discussed the investment problem of Malaysian investor in Indonesia especially in the palm oil sector. Primary Industries minister Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik said both leaders discussed it when they met in Istanbul last week. Page 2

6. KUALA LUMPUR: Foreign Minister Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, who is chairman of the Asean standing committee, said the latest development in Cambodia was no threat to its entry into the regional grouping next month. Page 2

7. LONDON: Malaysia's second national car, Perodua Nippa which is specially-made for the British market will be marketed in August. The first batch, comprising 80 cars will be sent tomorrow and expected to arrive in Bristol on July 20. Page 2

8. KUALA LUMPUR: The misunderstanding between Sukom Ninety Eight Berhad (Sukom 98) chief Tan Sri Hashim Ali and Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister Datuk Sabbarudin Chik has been resolved following their telephone conversation Thursday. Hashim phoned Sabaruddin before lunch time yesterday and they both agreed to let by-gone-be-by-gone. Page 2

9. KUALA LUMPUR: Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Datuk Seri Megat Junid Megat Ayob has announced the setting up of a Joint Committee on Printing Piracy and Fake Goods Eradication to boost the confidence of foreign investors in the country. He said the committee was formed in response to pertinent queries from multinational corporations on the measures taken by the government to curb copyrights piracy in relation to the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC). Page 2

10. SEREMBAN: Three masked men armed with pistols and knives robbed a jewellery shop and escaped with Rm300,000 of jewelleries in a daring robbery at Seremban Centre Point here Thursday. Page 4

11. KUALA LUMPUR: Information Minister Datuk Mohamed Rahmat has reminded magazine publishers not to regard printing licences as a passport to write capriciously ignoring their social responsibility and national obligations. He gave the warning in a speech re-launching the "Majalah RTM" magazine here Thursday, His speech was read out by his deputy Datuk Suleiman Mohamed. Page 4

12. KUALA LUMPUR: The Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition (Lima '98) will be extended to cover the activities of high

technology-based downstream industries, Defence Minister Datuk Syed Hamid Albar says. This would draw more participation from companies involved in the space, satellite, air and civil aviation industries, he said. Page 4

13. KUALA LUMPUR: Ostrich farm operators inviting the public to invest in their projects must first comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 1965, Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Datuk Seri Megat Junid Megat Ayob said Thursday. He said the ministry was giving them three months to comply failing which legal action would be taken against the companies and their directors. Page 6

14. MELAKA: The Ministry of Education will ban virtual computer games using cyber technology, "cyberpet" from being brought to schools if the game is morally damaging. Education Ministry Director General Datuk Matnor Daim said, any kind of morally erosive computer game was banned and the ministry would not tolerate it. Page 7

15. KOTA BARU: Mahsuri Azulam, 5, who was born with both male and female sexual organs, underwent a successful corrective surgery to remove the male organ at the Kubang Kerian Universiti Sains Malaysia Hospital last Sunday. Her mother Sarimah Che Omar, 31, said Mahsuri, who was admitted to the hospital on Saturday, a day before the surgery, could now stand and walk. Page 7

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