

BERITA HARIAN HIGHLIGHTS

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1. KUALA LUMPUR: "Ops Nyah 11" -- an operation to flush out illegal foreign workers from the country, scheduled to start after midnight Tuesday, was postponed as the exercise to legalise about 1.2 million foreign workers in the Peninsular is yet to be fully completed. Deputy Home Minister Ong Ka Ting said however this did not mean that the government will extend the registration process. Lead

2. SEGAMAT: A committee comprising senior officials of the Keretapi Tanah Melayu Berhad headed by its director of operations and customer services Datuk Mohd Zin Yusop, has been set up to investigate Tuesday's collision between a train and a car at Bukit Siput that killed six people, Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said yesterday. Page 1

3. LIMA: Leader of the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement, Nestor Cerpa Cartolini, meeting the press for first time, warned that solution to the hostage crisis was not easy as Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori did not show any sign of compromise. Page 1

4. KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysian ambassador to Peru Ahmad Mokhtar Selat, who was held captive by Peruvian guerrillas for 11 days at the Japanese ambassador's residence in Lima, will forward a detail report of the crisis to Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad. Page 1

5. HEBRON, West Bank: An Israeli soldier opened fire wounding at least seven Palestinians in the Arab market of the West Bank town of Hebron on Wednesday. Page 1 -- More

6. KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysian ambassador Ahmad Mokhtar Selat, who was released from 11 days of captivity by Peruvian rebels in Lima on Dec 29 returned home Wednesday and vowed to go back to the Peruvian capital after a short rest to resume his duties. Page 2

7. KUALA TERENGGANU: Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad confirmed that Maju Holdings having a 51 per cent stake in Perwaja, would not be burdened with the debts of the government-owned steel company. Page 2

8. KUALA TERENGGANU: Tourism industry could be a big source of income for the people and the country if the nation's natural beauty were exploited to attract local and foreign tourists, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said. Page 3

9. SINGAPORE: Race and housing are key issues in Thursday's general election in Singapore after a campaign that featured tough words and a row between the ruling People's Action Party and the United States. Page 22

10. LIMA: Peru's president says he will consider granting safe passage out of the country to rebels holding hostages in the Japanese ambassador's house if they release the captives and lay down their weapons. Page 23 --
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