

## MALAYSIA NANBAN HIGHLIGHTS

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1. KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the consensus system in Barisan Nasional is to protect the interest of smaller component parties in the coalition. If changes are brought into the consensus system, then the smaller parties may lose their status, he said.

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2. KUALA LUMPUR: The Immigration Department is planning to set up enforcement teams to identify and arrest those illegal workers who had failed to register themselves with the department by December 31 last year. The department needs co-operation from the Police, Local government, army and Rela movement to carry out the operations, said Deputy Home Minister Datuk Megat Junid. Page 1

3. KUALA LUMPUR: The overall student-intake in National Type Tamil schools in Klang Valley shows an increase. However, it is disappointing to notice that there are still irresponsible parents who wait for the last minute to register their children in Standard One. Page 2 (First-day in school round-up)

4. KUALA LUMPUR: Prime minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the government is proud of the Public Services Department (PSD) which adapts to changes to achieve excellence, to help in nation-building. He said it is incredible that the civil servants who are service-orientated want to serve the public better. Page 3

5. KUALA LUMPUR: People's Progressive Party (PPP) president Datuk M.Keveas expressed disappointment over the denial made by IPF president M.G.Pandithan on the IPF-PPP merger. He said his key party members, not wanting to see the IPF members joining any opposition party, only suggested for a merger but there was no serious discussion or invitation from the PPP. Page 3

6. ALGIERS: Algerian guerillas have given public warning to the Western Powers, including the US to keep out of the civil war and stop providing aid to the Algerian government or face serious consequences. The guerillas had killed 18 people and wounded many in an attack on an Algerian village, recently. Page 5

7. WASHINGTON: The US Supreme Court will hear arguments on Jan 13 in the case of a woman who is suing President Bill Clinton for sexual harassment. Paula Jones, a former Arkansas state worker, is suing Clinton for subjecting her to unwanted sexual advances when Clinton was serving as Arkansas's governor. Page 5

8. MOSCOW: Russia has withdrawn its last soldiers from the breakaway Chechen republic. Troops were sent to Chechnya two years ago to smash the independent movement. The withdrawal is to clear the way for presidential and parliamentary elections scheduled for Jan 27. Page 6

9. SINGAPORE: Two opposition parties lodged police reports claiming that there were irregularities in last week's general election in the country. The ruling party secured a massive victory in the election. The opposition parties claims there were irregularities at the Cheng San district, the most hotly contested constituency. Page 12

10. COLOMBO: Many more army bases of the Tamil rebels were being destroyed by the Sri Lankan troops. Ground and air raids continue day and night. Fierce fightings rages between the troops and the rebels of LTTE.

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