

SARAWAK NEWSPAPERS HIGHLIGHTS

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THE SARAWAK TRIBUNE:

1. SARIKEI: Five pupils of SRK Abang Haji Matahir and Tabika Perpaduan, Sarikei, were feared drowned after the longboat they were travelling in collided with a commercial vessel around 6.15 am at Muara Payang Express Wharf in Sarikei yesterday. - page 1

2. KUCHING: More forgery cases involving the unauthorised use of the names of the Chief Minister and the Permanent Secretary to the Resource Planning Ministry have been uncovered and "no efforts will be spared to bring the culprits to book". - page 1

3. KUALA LUMPUR: Private higher educational institutions in the country should have a reputation for the quality of their academic programmes, research and publications to emerge as centres of excellence, Education Director-General Tan Sri Wan Noordin said yesterday. -- page 6

4. PALO ALTO (California): Malaysia can become a regional centre for telemedicine with its vast biogenetic resources and wide knowledge of ethnic medicine, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said. - page

THE BORNEO POST:

1. SARIKEI: Five children were missing when the longboat they were travelling in collided with a cargo barge in front of the Rejang Port authority wharf here at about 6.30 am yesterday. - page 1

2. KUCHING: The Sarawak Optical Traders Association advised the public to seek clarification with it or the Malaysian Optical Council (MOC) before embarking on any optometry course to ascertain that the course is recognised by the MOC. - page 2

3. BEAUFORT: Four district councils in Sabah have been given the approval to increase their concillors but not more than 20, beginning from this year. - page 3

4. SIBU: Although DAP had grabbed two State Assembly seats in sibu, Minister of Infrastructure and Development, Datuk Wong Soon Koh, assured that development would still continue so as to enable Sibu to achieve the city status by 2005. - page 4 -- more

THE PEOPLE'S MIRROR:

1. KUCHING: Chief Minister, Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud's signature has been forged in yet another elaborate fast-buck con job. - page 1

2. KUCHING: Five pupils aged six and seven were feared drowned after the longboat they were travelling in collided with a barge and sank near a wharf in Sarikei town yesterday. - page 2

3. KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia has proposed to the United States of America not to limit its landing rights in that country. - page 7

4. KOTA KINABALU: The Integrated Communications Systems (SPB), introduced to enhance the effectiveness of national policing, is expected to be fully implemented in March. - page 8 --more

UTUSAN SARAWAK:

1. SARIKEI: Five children were missing when the longboat they were travelling in collided with a cargo barge in front of the Rejang Port authority wharf here early yesterday morning. Page 1

2. KUALA LUMPUR: The government will introduce a quality grading system soon to assess the quality and excellence of local institutions of higher learning, Education Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said. Page 2

3. BINTULU: Muslim illegal immigrants who work here will also be punished if they commit offences against the country's Syariah law. Page 3

4. KUALA LUMPUR: An estimated one million foreigners who entered the country illegally or have overstayed have been given a chance to go home before 1st February without any prosecution by the authorities, Deputy Home Minister Datuk Seri Megat Junid Megat Ayob said. Page 6
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