

SARAWAK NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

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SARAWAK TRIBUNE:

1. KUALA LUMPUR: Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said yesterday he was confident that Malaysia's civil service will achieve the ISO 9000 quality standard by the year 2000 in tandem with the country's rapid growth. Page 1

2. MACHANG: PAS strengthened its position in the Kelantan state assembly when its candidate, Zulkefli Mamat, beat Yusoff Hamzah of the Barisan, albeit by a small majority of 118 votes, to win the Pulai Chondong state seat in the by-election here yesterday. Page 1

3. KUALA LUMPUR: The Immigration Department will set up enforcement teams to round up unregistered foreign workers following the close of the exercise to legalise them on Dec 31 last year. Page 2

4. KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said yesterday the government was proud to have a civil service which is responsive to changes to improve efficiency, management and administration in the public sector. Page 3

PEOPLE'S MIRROR:

1. KUCHING: The problem of consumers buying over-priced hampers lavished with expired goods is now being looked into by the authorities. Page 1

2. KUCHING: The Sessions Court here yesterday postponed to Wednesday the trial of a technician charged with sending to Wellington, New Zealand, a parcel containing explosives which exploded there on Oct 30, last year causing injuries to two university students. Page 4

3. KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said yesterday the government was proud to have a civil service which is responsive to changes to improve efficiency, management and administration in the public sector. Page 9

4. BUTTERWORTH: Finland will share its experiences with Malaysia on road safety and reducing road accident rates, its Interior Minister, Jan Erik Enestam, said yesterday. Page 11

UTUSAN SARAWAK:

1. KUALA LUMPUR: National Savings will increase to 41.2 percent this year from 38.8 percent of Gross National Product in 1995, said Deputy Finance Minister Datuk Wong See Wah. Page 1

2. KUALA LUMPUR: Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said he was confident that Malaysia's civil service will achieve the ISO 9000 quality standard by the year 2000 in tandem with the country's rapid growth. Page 2

3. SIBU: The amount of traffic compounds collected last year has increased to 44 per cent as compared to the year before. Page 3

4. KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia will set new target to attract 12.5 million tourists by the year of 2000 with the income of RM15,700 million making the tourism industry to be the main foreign exchange. Page 7

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TAMIL NESAN HIGHLIGHTS

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1. KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad clarifies that the Barisan Nasional is maintaining the consensus system in order to protect its component parties. Reviewing or doing away with

consensus system will be detrimental to smaller parties in the BN, he said.
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2. KUALA LUMPUR: The Immigration Department has intensified operations against illegal immigrants who had failed to register themselves by December 31 last year. A total of 16 enforcement teams had been set up to look out for them and detain them, said Deputy Home Minister Datuk Megat Junid. Page 1

3. KOTA BARU: PAS has won in the Pulai Chondong state by-election. PAS candidate Zulkefli Mamat polled 4,778 votes against 4,660 by Yusoff Hamzah, the BN candidate. The by-election was held following the death of assemblyman Kapt (R) Mohd Nor Ahmad on Dec 4 last year. Page 1

4. PULAU PINANG: Three armed criminals were shot dead when police returned fire during a shoot-out near a Siamese Wat in Jalan Masjid Negeri. State Deputy Chief Police Officer, Senior Assistant Commissioner II Datuk Mohamad Yusoff Jaafar said the three were on the police wanted list in connection with a number of armed robberies in the state. Page 1

5. KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the government is happy to have a Public Services sector which readily accepts changes in order to achieve higher excellence and efficient administration skills.
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6. KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia has set up a new target of 12.5 million tourist arrivals by the year 2000 and an estimated RM15.7 billion in its receipts said Malaysian Tourism Promotion Board (Tourism Malaysia) director-general Datuk Dr Arshad Hashim. Page 4

7. DHAKA: Prime Minister Sheikh Haseena warned her people that those who violate law and order in the country will face harsh punishment. She said her government will take effective steps to end the increasing violence in colleges and universities. At least an average of 100 students killed in such violence, she said. Page 4

8. KUALA LUMPUR: Despite shortage of staff, classrooms and furnitures, the intake in National Type of Tamil primary schools nationwide show an increase compared to last year. In most schools, the Standard One pupils were made to sit in school canteens as there were not enough rooms. Page 5 (First-Day in school round-up)

9. KABUL: Aerial bombings in Kabul killed at least seven people and wounding 69. Two of the blasts completely destroyed two civilian houses, a third exploded inside the US embassy compound while the fourth smashed into a road, demolishing a large portion of the embassy's rear perimeter wall.
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10. TOKYO: Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto predicted the hostage crisis in Peru would become a "protracted war" and expressed his concern over the possible outcome. He said there is miscalculation between the rebels and the Peruvian government that worsens the situation. Page 11
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