

SIN CHEW JIT POH HIGHLIGHTS

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1. KUALA LUMPUR: The government will launch a large scale crackdown on illegal foreign workers and their employers soon as the registration has ended on December 31. Deputy Home Minister Ong Ka Ting says employers who failed to comply with the regulations have no more excuses. Page 1. Lead story

2. BEIJING: Officials describe the reports by Hong Kong newspapers that Deng Xiopeng is seriously ill as baseless. China's Central TV station screened a series on Deng. Page 1

3. SEGAMAT: KTM Bhd. has set up a committee to investigate the fatal accident in which six members of a family were killed when the car they were travelling in was rammed by a train at Bukit Siput railway crossing. Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr. Ling Liong Sik said he could not say whether it was caused by negligence until he has received the committee's report. Page 2

4. MELBOURNE: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad has assured Australia that the bilateral ties between the two countries are not affected even though some Malaysian students have been harassed by racists. In a letter to the Premier of Victoria, he expresses relief that even the Australian themselves are concerned over such incidents. Page 3

5. KUALA LUMPUR: The government is to step up security measures at Malaysian missions abroad particularly in countries which are not stable. However, there is no need to provide bodyguards to Malaysian envoys. Page 3

6. KUALA TRENGGANU: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad says the ACA can still investigate Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Muhamad Muhamad Taib for failing to declare RM2.4 million when he left Australia. The agency has the power to do so if it thinks there is a need. Page 5

7. KUALA LUMPUR: PAS Youth is to lodge a police report against Tan Sri Muhamad Taib who brought more than RM10,000 out of the country. Its secretary Mafuz Omar says under the Foreign Exchange Control Act 1953, any one bringing a sum of more than RM10,000 has to obtain permission from Bank Negara. Offenders will face a maximum fine of RM10,000 or three years jail upon conviction. Page 5

8. JOHORE BAHRU: About 2,000 illegal Indonesian immigrants will be repatriated from Pasir Gudang this afternoon. They have been detained at eight detention camps and will sail for Indonesia by an Indonesian naval vessel. Page 8

9. PULAU PINANG: Deputy Chief Minister Datuk Shariff Omar has been dropped as the secretary of state UMNO Liaison Committee. Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and Datuk Ibrahim Saad are the chairman and deputy chairman respectively. Page 9

10. MUAR: A 10-year old girl was reported missing after playing hide-and-seek with friends near her house. About 100 residents joined the search but failed to find her. Page 18

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