

SIN CHEW JIT POH HIGHLIGHTS: MONDAY, MAY 5
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1. BOTSWANA: Dr Mahathir says he will appoint a new minister to fill the vacancy left by Datuk Abu Hassan Omar. However, he does not have any plan to reshuffle the cabinet at the moment. Page 1. Lead story

2. JOHOR BAHRU: Johor government information chief Datuk Muhammad Aziz urges the state government to review its ties with Singapore following a recent report by the Singapore's Straits Times on crime rates in Johor. He suggests that the state government severs ties with the republic. Page 1

3. PETALING JAYA: A 33-year-old factory worker was shattered and heart-broken when she found out that her good friend, whom she had entrusted to take care of her two-month-old baby, sold the baby for RM500. She had lodged a police report. Page 2

4. KUALA LUMPUR: A 58-year-old housewife, was overjoyed when she found out that a welfare lottery which she had bought on March 22 had struck the first prize, only to find the ticket was lost. She claims that she had written her name at the back of the lottery, and urges the management of the welfare lottery company to reveal the name of the winner but to no avail. She had sought help from MCA Public Complaints and Services Bureau. Page 2

5. KUALA LUMPUR: Deputy Home Minister Datuk Megat Junid Megat Ayub says more and more of those educated got hooked on drug. A survey conducted by the Home Ministry from 1988 to 1996 indicates that 50.9 per cent of drug addicts arrested were SRP holders, while another 27 per cent have MCE qualifications. Page 2

6. GABORNE: Dr Mahathir says Botswana wants to set up joint-ventures with Malaysia to develop that country's building industry. Botswana has identified building industry as one of an important sectors to develop that country's economy. Page 3

7. KOTA KINABALU: The Education Ministry will not stop schools from implementing the students' name tag programme if their respective Parents Teachers Associations have consented to the move. If parents do not object and feel that it does not burden them, the Education Ministry will not oppose the move. Page 3

8. KUALA LUMPUR: Defence Minister Datuk Syed Hamid says Malaysian navy were not involved in alleged abduction of seven Filipinos on Mangsee Islang. His ministry has submitted all details pertaining the matter to the Foreign Ministry, and will leave it to the Foreign Ministry to explain the matter to the Philippine government. Page 4

9. KLANG: ACA has summoned eight RTM broadcasters, including a female broadcaster for questioning in relation to an allegation by singer M Nasir that they asked for money before airing songs by certain recording companies. Page 6

10. KUALA LUMPUR: Former Veterinary Department first deputy-director Abdul Rahman says Malay officials in his department will not purposely make things difficult for pig farmers when dealing with the problem of pig farming just because pork is forbidden to Muslims. Page 12

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