

SUN HIGHLIGHTS

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1. KUALA LUMPUR: Sixteen teams under the immigration department will be formed to beef up enforcement and flush out the remaining illegal immigrants, believed to number one million. - PAGE 1

2. KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia will have a world-class civil service within the next three years, says Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad. - PAGE 2

3. MACHANG: Pas, which wrested the Pulai Chondong state seat from the Barisan Nasional in a keenly-contested fight, considers its win as a bonus and a clear message that it will remain in power in Kelantan. - PAGE 2

4. KUALA LUMPUR: Doing away with consensus within Barisan Nasional will be detrimental to smaller component parties, says Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said. - PAGE 2

5. PETALING JAYA: Foreign Minister Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi says he is ashamed that a diplomat has been detained on suspicion of drug possession. - PAGE 4

6. KUALA LUMPUR: The Entrepreneur Development Ministry is calling for more inter-ethnic dialogues and meetings to develop joint ventures between the bumiputras and non-bumiputras. - PAGE 5

7. KUANTAN: Pahang will discuss problems faced by people living in riverine and orang asli settlements in the state next week, rural development and rural growth centre committee chairman Datuk Omar Othman said today. - PAGE 8

8. KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia has set a new target of 12.5 million tourist arrivals by the year 2000 and RM15.7 billion in its receipts, making tourism one of the top foreign exchange earners for the country. - PAGE 12

9. KUALA LUMPUR: HIV tests for expectant women to determine if their babies risk infection should not be forced, National Unity and Social Development Minister Datin Paduka Zaleha Ismail. - PAGE 14

10 SEOUL: A new wave of strikes today put South Korean unions on a collision course with the government as walkouts snow-balled nationwide in defiance of arrest warnings. - PAGE 19

11 SINGAPORE: Two opposition parties said today that they had notified police of alleged irregularities in last week's general elections, won massively by the ruling People's Action Party (PAP).  
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12 SYDNEY: A terminally-ill Australian woman has become the second person to commit suicide under the world's first voluntary euthanasia law, declaring "peace at last" as she received a fatal dose of drugs via a computer programme. - PAGE 21

13 JAKARTA: President Suharto warned parliament, after several days of rioting in central Indonesia, that friction in society threatened the country's future. - PAGE 22

14 MOSCOW: Russia has withdrawn its last soldiers from the breakaway Chechen republic, the Russian Interior Ministry said yesterday. - PAGE 23

15 LONDON: British Prime Minister John Major, resolving to stay "cool, calm and elected" in 1997, promised to get closer to the public, concentrate on the issues and run a clean campaign as he opened his bid to win re-election. - PAGE 25

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