

TAMIL NESAN HIGHLIGHTS: MONDAY, MAY 5
05 MAY 1997

1. IPOH: MIC will engage some 13,500 of its members to campaign actively in the Teluk Intan by-election in support of Barisan Nasional candidate Dr Chee See Yoke. The party president Datuk Seri Samy Vellu will continue to campaign intensively for four days. Page 1. Lead story

2. CABORONE (Botswana): Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said he has no plans yet to reshuffle the cabinet following the resignation of Datuk Abu Hassan from the Cabinet to fill the post of Selangor Menteri Besar. Page 1

3. PETALING JAYA: A couple made a police report following their baby sent to a day-care centre was sold by the baby-sitter in Puchong. The baby sitter claimed to be a social-service worker came to the centre and promised to look after the baby free-of-charge as part of her social service. Page 1

4. TELUK INTAN: Umno Youth leader Datuk Ahmad Zahid Hamidi described Australia's allegation that Malaysia won the right to host the 1998 Commonwealth Games through the "power of money", as a wild accusation. He said Malaysia made a suitable offer in terms of facilities and also in line with the development of national sports. Page 1

5. KUALA LUMPUR: Defence Minister Datuk Syed Hamid Albar said the Foreign Ministry will deal with the Philippines government over the detention of seven Filipino fishermen by the Royal Malaysian Navy off Pulau Banggi in April, for encroaching into Malaysian waters. Page 2

6. TAIPING: In the first three months of the year, Malaysia has taken in some 420 foreign doctors and medical officers to work in hospitals throughout the nation. The doctors are from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Indonesia and Myanmar. Page 5

7. KUANTAN: The Economic Planning Units of Pahang and Negeri Sembilan are jointly studying the proposal on a link road that connects Temerloh with the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) in Sepang. Pahang Deputy Menteri Besar Datuk Hasan Arifin said the relevant working paper would be submitted to the federal government for its consideration. Page 6

8. CABORONE (Botswana): Prime Minister Datuk Seri Mahathir Mohamad said Malaysian companies could venture into the construction of roads since Botswanians had the expertise and experience in that field. There may be scope for other labour intensive industries because they have very high unemployment rate, he said. Page 12

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