

THE STAR HIGHLIGHTS, MAY 5, 1997, MONDAY
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1. GABORONE (Botswana): Southern African countries should organise themselves into a region along the lines of Asean, said Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad. page 1;
2. KUALA LUMPUR: Tax agents who breach the Inland Revenue Board's new "honesty" code will not have their annual licences renewed. page 1;
3. GABORONE (Botswana): The Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister post left vacant by Datuk Abu Hassan Omar will be filled, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said. page 2;
4. IPOH: MIC will go all out to persuade the Indian community, who form 25 per cent of the voters in Teluk Intan, to vote for the Barisan Nasional candidate in the coming Parliamentary by-election. page 2;
5. KOTA BARU: Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat said Sunday PAS and Umno do not need any mediator for them to strengthen ties for the benefit of Muslims. page 2
6. KUALA LUMPUR: PAS is "very likely" to field candidates in the coming Permatang state constituency and Kuala Selangor parliamentary constituency by-elections, the party's Selangor commissioner Hassan Sukri said. page 2;
7. KLUANG: China, which has stationed warships near the disputed Spratly islands, should explain its motive behind the move which has alarmed other countries which also have claims over the chain of islands. page 3;
8. TAWAU: Malaysia and Indonesia have agreed on a memorandum relating to procedures in submitting their respective claims over the islands of Sipadan and Ligitan to the International Court of Justice (ICJ), Foreign Minister Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said. page 3;
9. SEREMBAN: The Negri Sembilan MCA liaison committee will recommend Tampin division chairman Gary Gan Chin Yap as a candidate for the coming Repah by-election. page 3;
10. JOHOR BARU: The future direction of bilateral relations between Johor and Singapore will be discussed at the next Johor state assembly sitting, information chief Datuk Muhammad Aziz said. page 3
11. KUALA LUMPUR: Television and radio have declined in popularity as sources of information and news, according to several European studies. page 4;
12. SUNGAI PETANI: Tenaga Nasional Bhd executive chairman Datuk Dr Ahmad Tajuddin Ali has described the recent power tariff increase approved by the Government as "fair". page 12;
13. KOTA KINABALU: Five fishermen who were caught fishing illegally in Malaysian waters on April 15 are still being detained in Kudat pending official word on the next course of action from the state Senior Federal Counsel's office. page 12;
14. KUANTAN: The state Economic Planning Unit (EPU) is working with its counterpart in Negri Sembilan on a proposal to build a highway linking Jempol and Temerloh via Kuala Pilah. page 14; -- Bernama

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