

THE SUN HIGHLIGHTS

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1. KUALA TERENGGANU: Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said tonight the Anti-Corruption Agency (ACA) can still call up Tan Sri Muhammad Muhammad Taib in connection with his arrest in Brisbane for allegedly failing to declare an equivalent of RM2.4 million in cash before leaving Australia on Dec 22. - Front-page story

2. MELBOURNE: A incident in which a Malaysian student was reportedly abused here has left relations with Australia undamaged, says Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad. - page 2

3. KUALA LUMPUR; The deadline for the legalisation of illegal foreign workers stays unless the cabinet committee decides otherwise, says Deputy Home Minister Ong Ka Ting. He said the special task force on foreign workers and the ministry have only been following directives from the cabinet. - page 3

4. KUALA LUMPUR; The Foreign Ministry will consider enhancing the security of embassies in the light of the hostage crisis in Peru which involved the Malaysian ambassador. - Page 3

5. PETALING JAYA: From tomorrow the National Registration, Immigration, Road Transport and the Public Services Departments in the Klang Valley will be open from 7.30am to 6.30pm under the new staggered working hours. - Page 5 - more

6. COLOMBO: Heavy fighting raged in eastern Sri Lanka as security forces smashed a jungle base of the Tamil Tiger guerillas today, killing at least 20 rebels, officials said today. - Page 13

7. SINGAPORE: Race and housing are key issues in tomorrow's general election after a campaign that featured tough words and a row between the ruling People's Action Party and the United States. - Page 13

8. JERUSALEM: Senior PLO and Israeli officials will meet today to try close a deal on Hebron despite a shooting attack by an Israeli soldier that wounded seven Arabs in the West Bank city, officials said. - Page 15

9. NEW YORK: As several hundred staff members clapped, U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali left the U.N. complex yesterday, ending a turbulent five years as the world's top diplomat. - Page 18

10 PARIS: Europe braced for one of the coldest starts to a New Year on record today, as Arctic conditions gripping the continent saw death tolls soar to new highs and caused chaos on roads, rivers and in the air. Page 19
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