

MALAYSIA NANBAN HIGHLIGHTS: TUESDAY, JAN. 27  
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1. HUTAN MELINTANG: Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Datuk Seri Megat Junid said there is adequate laws in existence to punish those involved in hoarding activities in the country. Page 1. Lead story
2. ALOR SETAR: The Transport Ministry Parliamentary Secretary Chor Chee Heung said the ministry is very concerned over the 69 road-accident deaths in the last five days of pre-festival. He advises the motorists to drive carefully and reach their destinations safely. Page 1
3. SUNGAI SIPUT: Works Minister Datuk Seri Samy Vellu said the toll charges for the Malaysia-Singapore second crossing linking Tanjung Kupang in Johore and Tuas in Singapore will only be discussed at the next cabinet meeting on Feb 11. Page 2
4. SETIU: Deputy Agriculture Minister Datuk Dr Tengku Mahmud Mansor gave an assurance that the prices of standard and premium grade rice will remain at the present level even after the Chinese New Year and the Hari Raya Puasa. Page 1
5. KUALA LUMPUR: Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said the passengers of Naeila bus company should look for alternative bus company for their journey home for the twin fetivals if they have doubts in the company following the repossessing of some 200 Naeila buses by MBf Finance for failure to settle loans. Page 2
6. PETALING JAYA: Patients who go to Universiti Hospital for treatment (UH) were assured that the there is no increase in fees for medical services. The assurance came from the hospital's acting director, Datuk Dr Annuar Zairi. Page 4
7. TAIPING: Fomca secretary-general N.Marimuthu urged banks and financial institutions to have adequate funds at their ATM machines during the five-day long holidays. Consumers had bad experience last year during festive season with many ATM machines running out of funds, he said. Page 7
8. KOTA BAHARU: Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamad Ali, wife of Prime Minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad has advised women to sell half of their jewellery and deposit the money in financial institutions. This move would help the nation recover from the economic downturn, she said. Page 10

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