

MALAYSIA NANBAN HIGHLIGHTS: THURSDAY, JAN. 22
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1. KUALA LUMPUR: Education Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said the private first year students in universities abroad can now apply for admission into local private universities. Page 1. Lead story

2. PETALING JAYA: An 18-year old youth was detained in connection with the death of a woman at her house in Subang Jaya. The magistrate court has ordered a two-week remand for the suspect. The suspect is a close relative of the victim. Page 1

3. KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysians from various walks of life expressed support for the proposal made by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad that Malaysian women with plenty gold ornaments should sell them and deposit the money in banks to earn higher interest. Page 1

4. KUALA LUMPUR: Four gunmen robbed RM70,000 from a RHB Bank Berhad branch in One Utama shopping complex. No one was injured in the incident. Page 3

5. KUANTAN: Pahang has further slashed its current year Budget from RM793.48 to RM620.31 million due to the current economic downturn, said Menteri Besar Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob. He said the budget would still maintain its surplus of RM2.1 million. Page 3

6. KUALA LUMPUR: Colombia, in South America has expressed interest to import more Malaysian-made products and services which have become much cheaper now in view of the depreciation of the ringgit against the U.S. dollar. Page 5

7. MELAKA: Some 40 shoplots at the popular Kampung Jawa Bazaar were destroyed in a pre-dawn fire, resulting in losses about RM6 million. Sixty eight firemen managed to bring down the blaze and prevented it from spreading to the nearby pre-war shophouses. Page 6

8. KUALA LUMPUR: Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Ting Chew Peh said the fire and rescue department received more than a million prank calls nationwide last year. He said it is dangerous to abuse the department's hotline 994. Page 10

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