

MALAYSIA NANBAN HIGHLIGHTS, JAN 23, 1998, FRIDAY  
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1. KUALA LUMPUR: Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the question of him stepping down does not arise because the government works as a team in tackling the country's economic woes. He said the government did not function on the basis of individuality. Page 1 Lead story

2. KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said there is no need to inject liquidity in banking as there is plenty of money available in the system. Page 1

3. KUANTAN: The Public Services Department (PSD) scholars will not be sent overseas to pursue higher studies this year, said Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Fauzi Abdul Rahman. However, those already in overseas will not be recalled back, he said. Page 1

4. KOTA KINABALU: Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim repeated calls for the people, especially the business community to have full faith in the country's banking system and the overall economy. Page 3

5. KUALA LUMPUR: Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad suggested that the local production companies merge to pool their capital and expertise towards producing higher quality films for the export market. This is best for the local market which is small and limited, he said. Page 3

6. PULAU PINANG: The Immigration Department enforcement officers detained some 50 illegal foreign workers at 13 restaurants. They were without any proper work permit. The 13 restaurants owners were also detained. Page 2

7. KUALA LUMPUR: Police detained eight people found to be selling bus tickets illegally at higher prices to those who want to "balik kampung" desperately. The public has been advised to get their tickets from proper counters. Page 3

8. KUALA LUMPUR: Agriculture Minister Datuk Dr Sulaiman Daud said since the import of food items has been slashed tremendously, the local food production is expected to rise up. He urged the private sector to help increase the food production by involving in the sector. Page 7

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