

NANYANG SIANG PAU HIGHLIGHTS
29 MAY 1998

1. KUALA LUMPUR: Employers must seek the agreement of employees first before resorting to pay cut. They are not allow to force workers to come to term or resort to the rule of "majority dominates" to enforce a cut on their pay. The warning comes from Human Resources Minister Datuk Lim Ah Lek. Page 1. Lead story

2. ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif says the country has successfully carried out five nuclear tests in remote Chaghi area, in the south-western province of Baluchistan, near the border of Afghanistan. The tests drew condemnation from the world. Page 1

3. JAKARTA: Scores of shops and cars in Tanjung Balai, a small town located in the westernmost island of Sumatra, were set ablazed by mobs. Three banks were also destroyed. No casualties were reported, a local daily Waspada reported. Page 1

4. KUALA LUMPUR: Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad warns Asian youths to be vigilant against emergence of absolute capitalism. Such powerful ideology could overthrow government and cause economic disaster, says the Prime Minister. Page 1

5. HONG KONG: A Malaysian businessman, identified only as Tan, was robbed of RM3.5 million worth of cash and jewellery on arrival at the airport here. He was on an escalator to go to the second floor, when a youth, believed to be in his 20s, suddenly splashed pepper powder onto his face and snatched his luggage bag where all the cash and valuables were kept. Page 1

6. SELAYANG: The government's spend thrift and prudent campaign has drove home a strong message among Malaysians, who heeded the advice by spending less through the use of credit cards. Deputy Finance Minister Datuk Wong See Wah says spending through credit cards has reduced by RM189.7 million during the first quarter of this year. Page 1

7. KUALA LUMPUR: Nanyang Siang Pau learnt that seven teachers' training colleges in the country will cease to operate next year or year after next in a move by the Education Ministry to reduce the number of such colleges. Five of the seven are involved in training mandarin speaking teachers. Page A2

8. KUALA LUMPUR: Indonesians, who were issued temporary pass to enter Malaysia on humanitarian grounds at the peak of social unrest in Jarkarta recently, were told to return to their home country now that the situation there has returned to normal. Deputy Home Minister Datuk Tajol Rosli Ghazali made the call. Page A3

9. BRISBANE: Prosecutor of Tan Sri Muhammad Muhammad Taib trial told the jury not to consider the consequence of bilateral ties between Malaysia and Australia when delivering their verdict. The jury were advised to ignore anti-Asian sentiments or political influence when making their judgement. Page A6

10. KOTA KINABALU: Tan Sri Bernard Dompok and his nine-member cabinet, including former Chief Minister Datuk Yong Teck Lee, was sworn in before Yang Di Pertua Negeri Tan Sri Sakaran Dandai here. All old faces, except former deputy Chief Minister Datuk Ghafur Salleh, were retained. Page A11