

1. JAKARTA: President Suharto yesterday pledged sweeping economic reforms and sacrificed some of his family's business interests under a new deal with the International Monetary Fund. page 1;
2. KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said yesterday Multimedia Super Corridor developments were progressing well and have not been affected by the current economic problems. page 1;
3. KUALA LUMPUR: International Monetary Fund managing director Michel Camdessus yesterday welcomed the steps taken by Malaysia to address the economic problems brought about by the regional financial crisis. page 1;
4. KUALA LUMPUR: Padiberas Nasional Bhd has started paying in local currencies for rice imports, and with the move it has immediately saved RM5 million on a recent consignment of 20,000 tonnes of Thai rice if the United States dollar had been used. page 1;
5. KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will make a one-day working visit to Indonesia on Saturday for talks with President Suharto. page 2; -- more
6. KUALA LUMPUR: In its efforts to minimise politicking, the Umno leadership has advised that, as far as possible, any tussle for divisional posts involving party Supreme Council members should be avoided. page 2;
7. KUALA LUMPUR: Umno Youth has submitted a four-point economic action plan to the Executive Director of the National Economic Action Council Tun Daim Zainuddin. page 4;
8. KUALA LUMPUR: The private sector has been urged to provide opportunities for senior citizens to join the work force where possible. page 5;
9. IPOH: DAP secretary-general Lim Kit Siang said yesterday he would seek a meeting with employees Provident Fund chairman Tan Sri Sallehuddin Mohamed to get an assurance that all EPF investment decisions are made in the best interest of its nine million contributors. page 5;
10. KUALA LUMPUR: Hospital Kuala Lumpur will be able to provide cancer patients with a shorter waiting period between primary surgery and chemotherapy soon. page 5; -- more
11. SEREMBAN: A wholesaler who was fined RM10,000 by the magistrate's court last Dec 13 for having excessive sugar stocks as caught again yesterday for refusing to sell the item. page 6;
12. IPOH: Perak Umno Youth will go down to the ground from today to survey prices of essential items and their supply to ensure consumers get sufficient supplies at reasonable prices during the forthcoming double celebrations. page 6;
13. KUALA LUMPUR: About two million vehicles are expected to leave the Klang Valley when the people return to their hometowns before the Chinese New Year-Hari Raya Aidilfitri celebrations begin, Deputy Transport Minister Datuk Mohamad Ali Rustam said yesterday. page 7;
14. KUALA LUMPUR: Mandarin orange importers are bringing the lesser quantities of the fruit in anticipation of a lower demand and due to the depreciation of the ringgit which has seen prices rise between 30 and 40 per cent. page 7;
15. KUALA LUMPUR: The Education Ministry will try to keep the prices of textbooks at a rate that will not be burdensome to parents next year. page 9; -- Bernama

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