

1. KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today that the economic problems had made it uncertain whether Malaysia would be able to achieve its vision of becoming a developed nation by the year 2020. Page 1;
2. KUALA LUMPUR: Financial giant American International Group Inc plans to set up a US\$1 billion (about RM3.7 billion) Asean Recovery Fund, which will be invested in debt instruments and other securities in the region, especially in Malaysia. Page 1;
3. KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will be in Sabah on Thursday to hold talks with Barisan Nasional leaders on the next Chief Minister to replace Datuk Yong Teck Lee, whose term ends this month. Page 2;
4. KUALA LUMPUR: United States Ambassador John R. Malott said the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees should be given the opportunity to determine the fate of eight Indonesian immigrants holed up at the embassy here. Page 2;
5. ONBOARD THE KD GANAS (Malacca Straits): Malaysia and Indonesia will have wider exchange of intelligence as their officials anticipate higher incidences of piracy in the Malacca Straits and the South China Sea because of the current economic situation. Page 3;
6. KUANTAN: The Home Ministry plans to implement an "on-line" computer system, connecting all Police, Immigration and Registration Departments in the country in its effort to prevent incidents such as forgery of travel documents among others. Page 3;
7. KUALA LUMPUR: Four flights carrying haj pilgrims returning from Mecca will land at the KL International Airport in Sepang on Wednesday and Thursday. Page 3;
8. KUALA LUMPUR: Science, Technology and Environment Minister Datuk Law Hieng Ding said today there was no harm in trying out new technologies which promised to bring rain as long as they were not costly. page 4;
9. KUALA LUMPUR: Health Minister Datuk Chua Jui Meng said that last year some 25 million attendances were recorded by government hospitals, outpatient clinics and flying doctor services. Page 6;
10. JOHOR BARU: The Education Ministry is holding talks with captains of industry in the country to formulate joint venture skill training programmes for SPM and SPVM drop-outs. Page 12;
11. KUALA LUMPUR: American International Group Inc has been given five years to reduce its stake in wholly-owned subsidiary American International Assurance (M) Sdn Bhd to 51 per cent -- the new foreign equity cap for insurance companies. Page 17;
12. KUALA LUMPUR: The Securities Commission ended its fifth year of operations with a surplus of RM178.4 million -- despite the current economic problems which saw many private firms reporting bad financial results. Page 18;
13. KUALA LUMPUR: The Registry of Companies will now consider applications by companies to be de-registered without them having to go through the courts to wind up. Page 18;
14. KUALA LUMPUR: The local capital market is expected to recover sometime this year, said the Securities Commission in its 1997 Capital Market Review released in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. Page 18;

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