

SIN CHEW HIGHLIGHTS
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1. SEPANG: Grumblings and murmurs of discontent are heard everywhere when the new Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) here plunged into a chaotic state following a breakdown of its computer system yesterday. Many passengers were left stranded for at least three to four hours. Lead story
 2. KUALA LUMPUR: Former Deputy Prime Minister Tun Ghafar Baba and his son Tamrin were declared bankrupts by a High Court here for failing to pay a businessman about RM600,000 and RM1.8 million in debts respectively. Page 1
 3. KUALA LUMPUR: The Securities Commission has lifted restrictions imposed on corporate activities to allow public listed companies to raise fund through the capital market. Page 1
 4. KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said steps are being taken to resolve the not very serious problems that have cropped up on the first day KLIA's operation. Page 3
 5. SEPANG: Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik and his deputy Datuk Mohd Ali Rustam extended their apologies to travellers and members of the public for the inconvenience caused on the first day of KLIA's operation. Page 3
 6. PULAU PINANG: DAP secretary general Lim Kit Siang has decided to return to active politics in Pulau Pinang following an official invitation by the state party chairman Karpal Singh. Meanwhile, DAP state assemblyman Chong Eng has replaced Gooi Hock Seng as state deputy chairman. Page 3
 7. KUALA LUMPUR: Dr Mahathir believes China will hold firm to its pledge not to devalue its currency. China's domestic market was extensive and it did not need to depreciate its currency to boost exports, he said. Page 4
 8. PETALING JAYA: Fifty five Malaysians on a trip to Phuket Island in Thailand were stranded yesterday at the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport in Subang for hours because there were no immigration officers to handle their documents. An official said the Subang airport has ceased its operation due to the opening of new Kuala Lumpur International Airport in Sepang since yesterday. Page 6
 9. KUALA LUMPUR: Writer of a book on Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, Khalid Jeffri challenged Anwar to sue him in court to prove what he has written the book with sheer fabrication. Page 9
 10. SINGAPORE: Singapore never has any intention to woo Malaysians to put their money in the republic's banks by offering high interest rate to sabotage Malaysian's economy, Singapore Finance Minister Richard Hu said. Page 12
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