

SIN CHEW HIGHLIGHTS (2)  
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6. KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohd. says foreign media, with the help of some locals, are trying to destroy the country. International media, through BBC are spreading reports to tarnish Malaysia's image. page 4.

7. KUALA LUMPUR: UMNO Youth executive committee has decided that the posts for the movement's leader and deputy leader should not be contested next year. A motion will be tabled at the delegates meeting on June 18. page 4.

8. KUALA LUMPUR: RTM will cut short Channel One and Two's daily air time. This could help save RM50 million operational cost. Information Minister Datuk Mohd. Rahmat says the yearly operational cost is about RM400 million. page 4.

9. PETALING JAYA: The numbers in birth certificates issued after May this year will be used as the numbers for identity cards. National Registration Department director general Azizan Ayob says initially such certificates will be issued in the Klang Valley. The numbers can be used for school registration, admission to hospitals and clinics and other official purposes. page 6.

10. MELBOURNE: Many Malaysian students in Australia will face financial difficulties if Australia is to tighten regulations on working conditions for foreign students. Many students are working part time in the services sector to subsidise their education. page 6. --Bernama

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