

SIN CHEW JIT POH HIGHLIGHTS
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1. KUALA LUMPUR: TAR College has opened its door for those who fail to get admittance into local public universities. MCA Youth chief Datuk Chan Kong Choy says applications will be processed on a first come first serve basis. Though courses for the new academic year in the college had already commenced on May 18, students who fail to secure a place in local university could still apply. Page 1. Lead story

2. ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif says Pakistan managed to break even with India after successfully conducting five nuclear tests in Baluchistan near the border of Afghanistan. The tests, however, drew world wide condemnation. Page 1

3. KUALA LUMPUR: Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad warns Asian youths to be vigilant against rising absolute capitalism, which could destroy governments and bring economic disaster. Page 3

4. PETALING JAYA: Insurance scheme for students is compulsory. All are required to participate despite dissatisfaction by parents over a move by Takaful to reduce compensation on death and permanent disabled by more than 40 per cent without slashing its premium. Deputy Education Minister Datuk Dr Fong Chan Onn says this. Page 3

5. MELAKA: About 4,500 Singaporean registered vehicles would be barred from entering Melaka unless their owners settle outstanding summonses issued to them. A senior traffic police officer here discloses this. Page 4

6. KUALA LUMPUR: Influx of illegal immigrants has reduced drastically following invocation of the ISA by the authorities against intruders. From the peak of 5,000 weekly or about 700 a day, the number involved now has reduced to mere 50 daily, says deputy Home Minister Datuk Tajol Rosli Ghazali. Page 6

7. KUALA LUMPUR: MIC President Datuk Seri S Samy Vellu criticises Negeri Sembilan government for its poor handling in relocating a Hindu temple in the state and its failure to abide by the instruction of the Prime Minister. He was commenting on the dismantling of a 30-year-old Hindu temple by the state government without consulting the temple committee. Page 6

8. KUALA LUMPUR: Human Resources Minister Datuk Lim Ah Lek substantiates with a video tape his claims that MTUC secretary general Rajasekaran has made baseless remarks to tarnish the image of the government while attending an international conference abroad. Page 10

9. JOHOR BAHRU: Residents of the five-storey Block 28 flats in Jalan Nibong, Taman Daya scurried out of their houses in the dark when a huge water tank on top of their flats burst at about 5.30 a.m. No one was injured in the incident. Page 11

10. KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia hopes to hold talks with Singapore pertaining the high interest rates offered by banks in the republic to attract depositors. Deputy Foreign Minister Leo Michael Toyad says such discussions are necessary to avoid adverse effect brought about by exorbitant interest rates on the regional economy. Page 12

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