

SIN CHEW JIT POH
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1. KUALA LUMPUR: Deputy Education Minister Datuk Dr. Fong Chan Onn expresses the fear that the maths standard in Chinese primary schools may drop following the ministry's emphasis in mental calculation. Lead story. page 1.

2. ALOR STAR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad says the ringgit is still weak despite the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund's confidence in Malaysia's economic fundamentals. It appears, the World Bank and IMF's statements have little effect on the currency market. page 1.

3. KUALA LUMPUR: The water rationing will be extended as water levels in Sungei Langat, Ampang Dam and 11 km Cheras treatment plant remain low. An official of the Meteorological Department says rationing has to continue until the water levels return to normal. Cloud seeding will be carried out today (Wednesday). page 2.

4. SERIKIE: A youth was killed when two fast boats collided in the Rajang River in Sarawak. The man and his friend were thrown into the river after the collision. His friend managed to swim to the river bank. page 2.

5. KUALA LUMPUR: Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim is to make a two-day official visit to Singapore starting today (Wednesday). He is to meet Singapore Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong and his deputy B.G. Lee. page 4.

6. SINGAPORE: Officials from Singapore and Malaysia are to meet Thursday in Kuala Lumpur over the extension of water supply agreement from 2011 to 2061. Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad and his Singapore counterpart Goh Chok Tong have met over the matter during the recent Asia-Europe meeting in London. page 4.

7. KUALA LUMPUR: A US official is due to arrive in Kuala Lumpur today to study Petronas's investment in Iran. He will spend two days to hold talks with the relevant authorities. page 4.

8. SEGAMAT: An eight year old girl has been ill-treated by her parents since she was five. She has been beaten all over her body and suffered burnts. Her grandfather has lodged a police report against her son-in-law and his own daughter. page 7.

9. TELOK INTAN: All Malaysian made products are required to display with "Malaysia" made tags. The Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Datuk Seri Megat Junid Megat Ayob will submit six logos to the cabinet tomorrow for selection to be used by Malaysian manufacturers. page 7.

10. SEPANG: The RM9 billion new Kaula Lumpur International Airport will be the second airport in the world after Munich airport, to be equipped with facilities to defuse explosives. The airport's fire and rescue station chief Ghazali Daud says KLIA's fire fighting system is the most modern in the region. page 9.

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