

SUN HIGHLIGHTS, JAN 16, 1998, FRIDAY  
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1. PETALING JAYA: Retrenchment of workers due to the economic slowdown is not worrying for now, says the MTUC. page 1;
2. KUALA LUMPUR: A worldwide influenza pandemic is expected to strike any time now, but Malaysians need not be alarmed as the vaccine is available in the country. page 1;
3. KUALA LUMPUR: The Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC) will not be affected by the austerity drive because the government is only involved in building the basic infrastructure. page 2;
4. KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad discussed the setting up of a Y2K or 'Millennium Bug' bureau to protect the nation's information systems from the computer bug. page 2;
5. KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia is not interested in getting any loan from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to overcome its present economic problems. page 2; -- more
6. KUALA LUMPUR: The Appeal Court yesterday dismissed Kota Melaka MP Lim Guan Eng's application against an injunction restraining him from repeating libellous remarks against former chief minister Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Thamby Chik. page 3;
7. KUALA LUMPUR: In its efforts to minimise politicking, the Umno leadership has advised that, as far as possible, any tussle for divisional posts involving supreme council members should be avoided. page 3;
8. KUALA LUMPUR: Federal police crippled a syndicate involved in issuing false marriage certificates with the arrest of the mastermind, a former deputy kadi of Gopeng, in November. page 4;
9. KUALA TERENGGANU: Calm has returned to the site of the Petronas gas distilling plant at Kampug Tok Arun in Paka, the scene of a fight between two groups of workers yesterday. page 4;
10. KUALA LUMPUR: Road accidents cost the country RM6 billion last year, according to a study by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (Escap). page 5; -- more
11. KUALA LUMPUR: The Education Ministry is working with Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka (DBP) to find ways to maintain the price of textbooks for next year in the face of higher paper and preprinting costs. page 8;
12. MALACCA: The Anti-Corruption Agency (ACA) will target the frontliners in state governments and departments in its effort to crack down on corruption. page 8; -- Bernama

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