

TAMIL NESAN HIGHLIGHTS: FRIDAY, JAN. 9  
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1. KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad reminded leaders and administrators that corruption practice is a form of social oppression. If it is unchecked, it will result in public resentment against the government and administration, he said. Page 1. Lead story

2. PULAU PINANG: Six members of a family perished, two escaped with burns in a pre-dawn fire which gutted a mini market at Taman Sahabat in Teluk Kumbar. Cooking gas tanks exploded and shook the entire area. Page 1

3. KUALA LUMPUR: Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said that Malaysia proposes to work out new agreements with supplier countries so that imports can be made using currencies other than the U.S. dollar. Page 1

4. PUCHONG: The body of a standard four student who failed to return home after the first day in school, was found in a nearby disused mining pool at km13 Jalan Puchong. A report had been made with the police and a search was going on. Page 1

5. KUALA LUMPUR: Education Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak reminded schools to give additional importance to drug prevention programmes. Drug abuse prevention should also be stressed by upgrading co-curriculum activities, he said. Page 2

6. KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the government does not mind if people with excess money want to spend but they should buy Malaysian goods. Traders would go out of business if people do not spend at all, he said. Page 3

7. ALOR SETAR: Health Minister Datuk Chua Jui Meng said his ministry has instructed makers of toothpaste to have instructions on its use displayed on the packaging for easy reference especially by children. Page 5

8. KUALA LUMPUR: The Road Transport Department (RTD) Director-General Datuk Pahamin Rejab said stern action will be taken against school bus operators if they increased their fees as there had never been any government approval for increased fees. Page 10

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