

TAMIL NESAN HIGHLIGHTS: THURSDAY, JAN. 8
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1. KUALA LUMPUR: The power to search a suspect's house is provided in the Anti-Corruption Act 1997 to be launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today. ACA officers will also, for the first time, have the power to arrest a suspect. Page 1. Lead story

2. KUALA LUMPUR: The ringgit was grossly undervalued against the US dollar. It fell to RM4.90 to the US dollar. Following this, Bank Negara intervened to ensure stable conditions in the forex market. Page 1

3. KAJANG: The consumers in Kajang have complained that they could not get sugar from their grocers and supermarkets. They have been facing this problem for the past two days. Page 1

4. KUALA LUMPUR: The private television station, NTV-7 will go fully operational on April 7, said its executive chairman Datuk Effandi Nurwawi. The station promised the Indian viewers, Tamil programmes. Page 1

5. PORT KLANG: Perusahaan Otomobil Nasional Bhd (Proton) anticipates a 30 per cent drop in the sale of passenger cars locally for this year. However, the company will not reduce its total production volume, said Proton chairman Datuk Mohamad Saleh Sulong. Page 2

6. KUALA LUMPUR: MIC Education Committee chairman Datuk Dr Prof Marimuthu said the Education Ministry has relaxed the entry qualification for its teachers training programmes this year and has allocated 500 places for Tamil section. He wants the Indian community to make use of this opportunity. Page 3

7. KUALA LUMPUR: Entrepreneurs Development Minister Datuk Mustapa Mohamad has warned school bus operators not to increase fares. He said stern action will be taken against them if they violate the ruling. Page 3

8. KUALA LUMPUR: The Malaysian Trades Union Congress (MTUC) has urged employers not to retrench their workers, especially when the economy is in a bad shape. In fact, MTUC president Zainal Rampak said, the employers should discuss with the unions before closing down the factories or retrenching workers. Page 4

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