

TAMIL NESAN HIGHLIGHTS: WEDNESDAY, JAN. 14
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1. KUALA LUMPUR: Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said Asian central banks have agreed to carry out joint research to overcome the region's financial crisis. Page 1. Lead story

2. KUALA LUMPUR: MIC president Datuk Seri Samy Vellu in his "Ponggal" message, has urged the Indian community to be co-operative and committed in helping the government to revive the economy. Thousands of Hindus celebrate "Ponggal" or harvest festival today. Page 1

3. KELANG: Two secondary school teachers and a tutor were charged in court in connection with the leakage of question papers in last year's SPM examination. They were released on bail pending mention of the case on February 11. Page 1

4. BANGI: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad told Malaysians to begin investing in plantation stocks, for instance palm oil-based companies as the commodity was now fetching extremely high prices. Page 2

5. PULAU PINANG: The Consumers Association of Penang (CAP) said several travel agents in the state have raised bus fares by between eight and over 100 per cent for the double festive season beginning Jan 26. Page 2

6. KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysian banks are as strong as ever and there is no reason whatsoever for customers to doubt the safety of their deposits, said National Union of Bank Employees (NUBE) assistant general-secretary G. Gopalakrishnan. Page 11

7. KOTA BAHARU: Police have reminded the public that stern action will be taken against those in possession of or selling banned firecracks and fire works during the oncoming Hari Raya and Chinese New Year festivals. Page 11

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