

TAMIL NESAN HIGHLIGHTS
22 MAY 1998

1. JAKARTA: President Suharto resigned from his post which he hold for the past 32 years and taken over by his deputy Bacharuddin Jusuf Habibie, following mounting pressure from students and the people. Lead story

2. KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad sent a congratulatory message to new Indonesian president B.J. Habibie. Dr Mahathir is happy the transfer of power was carried out peacefully and lawfully. Page 1

3. KUALA LUMPUR: Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim announced Tan Sri Bernard Dompok as the new Sabah Chief Minister, replacing Datuk Yong Teck Lee whose term to end this month. Page 1

4. KUALA LUMPUR: The MIC wants the estate housing ownership scheme, especially in Selangor be reviewed. Selangor MIC chief Datuk G. Palanivel, who is the party's vice-president, said the state MIC had submitted a proposal to Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Abu Hassan Omar on the matter last week. Page 2

5. KUALA LUMPUR: Some 2,000 Sikhs have joined MIC through 21 branches nationwide, said party president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu. He said another 2,500 Sikhs were waiting for their applications to join the party be approved. Page 3

6. SUNGAI PETANI: The annual sale in one of the shopping complexes in Petani Jaya here stunned the people as sugar and rice were sold at 10 cent per kilo for the past three days. People thronged the place to buy those items. Page 3

7. KUALA LUMPUR: Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Fauzi Abdul Rahman said that the government did not plan to extend the retirement age for government employees from 55, although there were suggestions that the retirement age be extended to 56 or 58. Page 10

8. SEREMBAN: MIC's Rasah branch raised RM200,000 through a dinner function for the MIED Education Fund and handed over the cash to MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu when he paid a special visit to the branch. Page 12

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