

THE NEW STRAITS TIMES HIGHLIGHTS
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1. JAKARTA: Suharto steps down, Habibie pledges reform in all sectors. Indonesia, which saw the end of the Suharto era with his resignation this morning, has been promised sweeping reforms by his successor Bacharuddin Jusuf Habibie. Lead story
2. KUALA LUMPUR: Parti Demokratik Sabah president Tan Sri Bernard Dompok will be the next Sabah Chief Minister, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim announced Thursday. Page 1
3. BRISBANE: Former Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Muhammad Muhammad Taib found it faster to pay cash to buy properties in Queensland instead of using a telegraphic transfer which took several weeks to clear. Page 1
4. KUALA LUMPUR: The most probable cause of the 1995 Malaysia Airlines Fokker-50 crash in Tawau, Sabah, was attributed to the pilot's poor inflight decision-making and failure to follow standard operating procedures. Page 1
5. KUALA LUMPUR: The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad congratulated B.J. Habibie on his appointment as the new Indonesian President following the resignation of President Suharto. Page 2
6. KOTA KINABALU: Chief Minister designate Tan Sri Bernard Dompok said he would be meeting Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad soon to discuss his appointment. Page 2
7. KOTA KINABALU: State UMNO liaison secretary Datuk Yahya Hussin said Umno welcomes Parti Demokratik Sabah presidents Tan Sri Bernard Dompok as the new Chief Minister to replace Datuk Yong Teck Lee. Page 2
8. KUALA LUMPUR: University applicants will know the outcome of their appeals for places in two weeks' time, Education Ministry's director of Higher Education Prof Hassan Said said Thursday. Page 4
9. MALACCA: The two RMN frigates built by the United Kingdom-based Yarrow Shipbuilders will be delivered by early next year, Defence Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar said. Page 4
10. KUALA LUMPUR: A businessman pleaded not guilty in the Sessions Court to cheating representatives and headmasters of 16 primary schools of RM37,902. Page 5
11. KUALA LUMPUR: The MCA public services an complaints bureau blamed the Official Assignee for mistakenly declaring several people bankrupt and for delays in clearing their names. Page 5
12. KUALA LUMPUR: The Sultan of Selangor said the current water problem was the result of authorities not heeding the early signs of shortage, apparent six months ago. Page 6
13. KUCHING: A reporter told a magistrate's court that he fainted after being repeatedly kicked on the body and head by a few police officers while he was on the floor of a pub last year. Jonathan Bullet Henry Embaya said one of the officers grabbed him by the shirt collar and pulled him down from a stool. Page 7
14. KUALA LUMPUR: Companies listed on the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange which are facing problems due to the current economic situation can implement a restructuring scheme to restore their financial position. Page 9
15. KOTA BARU: The Government's repatriation of illegal immigrants will take into consideration various factors, including the situation in their respective countries, Home Ministry secretary-general Datuk Samsudin Osman said. Page 14
16. PHNOM PENH: The Cambodian Government has rejected truce talks with

a team of military officials under deposed co-premier Prince Norodom Ranariddh saying members of the prince's team were not qualified. Page 16

17. WASHINGTON: The US House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly to block future satellite exports to China and declared President Bill Clinton's approval of such an export earlier this year was "not in the national interest". Page 17

18. BELFAST: Prime Minister Tony Blair has piled on pressure for a firm "Yes" vote in the referendum on Northern Ireland's peace plan by making an impassioned plea to wavering Protestant voters. Page 17

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