

THE SUN HIGHLIGHTS
22 MAY 1998

1. JAKARTA: Just hours after taking over as president from his mentor, President Bacharuddin Jusuf Habibie appealed for support from his compatriots, vowed sweeping reforms to the international community and asked people to remember the good his ousted predecessor Suharto had done. Lead story

2. KUALA LUMPUR: Sabah's present Tourism and Environment Minister Tan Sri Bernard Dompok will be the state's next chief minister, replacing present Chief Minister Datuk Yong Teck Lee whose term will end on May 28. Page 2

3. PORT DICKSON: Defence Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar has warned of a possible exodus of illegals to Malaysia given the problems in Indonesia. Page 2

4. KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad hopes B.J. Habibie's appointment as Indonesian president will enable that country to quickly return to normalcy and peace while forging ahead in line with the aspirations of Indonesians. Page 2

5. PENANG: The state Gerakan welcomes the government's announcement that companies and individuals remitting their earnings from overseas between now and the end of the year will be exempted from income tax. Page 3

6. KUALA LUMPUR: The price of chicken will be increased from Saturday, the Veterinary Services Department say. Page 3

7. KUALA LUMPUR: As production levels at both the Sungai Langat and Sungai Semenyih plummet to 57% Thursday, the number of calls received by S soared. The Selangor Waterworks Department is again under fire for failing to stick to schedules and mismanagement of manpower. Page 4

8. PENANG: Four government leaders including a deputy minister were unethical for attending the opening of an illegal hawker centre last Saturday, says the DAP. Page 6

9. KUALA LUMPUR: There are fewer civil cases pending before the High Court compared to three years ago. A total of 26,799 cases were recorded as of December 1995 but as at March 1 this year, the caseload has been reduced to 20,892. Page 8

10. KUALA LUMPUR: The Health Ministry, concerned about the possible side-effects of Viagra, the much-hyped new drug for impotence, will have to study the product carefully to ensure its safety and efficacy before allowing it to be sold here. Page 10

11. BAGAN SERAI: A 15-year-old suspect, wanted in connection with the murder of an 18-year-old youth, was handed over to the police by his father at the Kerian district police headquarters here at 9.30 last night. Page 11

12. KUALA LUMPUR: A gunman who was injured during a robbery was captured when his family admitted him into a hospital for treatment. Page 12

13. JAKARTA: The Suharto family is one of the richest in the world - up to US\$40 billion (RM148 billion) according to some estimated. That is similar to the figure that the International Monetary Fund another countries pledged to help save the ruined Indonesian economy. Page 15

14. KUALA LUMPUR: Economists and analysts lauded the government's move to set up an agency known as Asset Management Company (AMC) to manage non-performing loans (NPL) and assets in the banking system describing it as a "win win situation for all". Page 1 (Business)

15. KUALA LUMPUR: Banks in Singapore may be facing short ringgit positions following heavy speculative activities there, but banks in

Malaysia can only lend out a restricted amount of ringgit to the offshore banks. Page 1 (Business)

16. BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN: Economic Advisor to the Government Tun Daim Zainuddin has suggested that member countries of the East Asean Growth Area (EAGA) adopts a "prosper thy neighbour" policy in order to develop the growth area to its fullest potential. Page 18

17. PETALING JAYA: DRB-Hicom group sees an increasing trend in the sales of Proton cars due to the relaxed rules for the end financing of the cars, said chairman Datuk Wira Mohd Saleh Sulong. Page 20 (Business);

18. KUALA LUMPUR: AEA International, a French based company, dealing with the provision of medical assistance services and various other services to travellers, have started expanding their operations to Malaysia. Page 21

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