

1. KUALA LUMPUR: The government has no plan to control foreign exchange to stabilise the ringgit. Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said instead the government would allow market forces to determine the value of the ringgit.

2. KUALA LUMPUR: Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim Anwar, who is also chairman of the cabinet committee on essential items, assured the public that there was enough essential food to meet the demand for the upcoming double festivals end of the month. Page 1

3. KUALA LUMPUR: Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said lavish life style including possessing excess jewellery, big cars and always travelling abroad were signs that there were corruption and malpractice in the working system of the country. Page 2

4. KUALA LUMPUR: The Prime Minister said wide media coverage on the shortage of sugar had resulted in the people rushing to buy the commodity. Page 2

5. KUALA LUMPUR: Dr Mahathir said the people should take seriously the power vested in them in reporting bribery cases by providing concrete evidence. Page 2

6. KUALA LUMPUR: Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said malpractice alleged to have happened in Perwaja Steel Bhd was still being investigated in order to gather a more concrete evidence before it could be brought to court. Page 2

7. KUALA LUMPUR: The draft resolution urging Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to tender a public apology over his alleged anti-Jewish statements represented the personal views of the 34 United States Congressmen involved and did not have the support of the majority of the Congressmen, visiting Chairman of the United States House of Representatives' National Security Committee Floyd Spence said. Page 4

8. KUALA LUMPUR: The Road Transport Department warned schoolbus operators that they would face stern action including their public vehicle service licence being revoked and their services suspended if they increased their fees, RTD Director-General Datk Pahamin Rejab said. Page 5

9. KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia's exports of watches and clocks increased by 25.2 per cent annually since the last five years with the highest sale recorded last year amounting to RM624.74 million, Minister of International Trade and Industry Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz said. Page 9

10. ALOR SETAR: The Ministry of Health had instructed 14 makers of toothpaste to have the instruction on its use displayed on the tube and packaging for easy reference especially by children, its minister Datuk Chua Jui Meng said. Page 24

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