

CHINA PRESS HIGHLIGHTS
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1. KUALA LUMPUR: A pimp has threatened to chop off the head of a girl if she refuses to pay him RM12,000 after separation. The 26-year old girl has sought the help of MCA complaint bureau chief Michael Chong after she had been harassed and threatened. Page 1
2. KUALA LUMPUR: Share prices retreated following the fall in Dow Jones. The Composite Index dropped 1.53 points to close at 982.24. Page 1
3. KUALA LUMPUR: Will Kelantan UMNO Liaison Committee chief Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah be nominated for one of the two top posts? All 165 UMNO divisions are to conduct meetings starting today. Some divisions may not adhere to the supreme council's "No contest" advice. Page 3
4. KUALA LUMPUR: Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi says it is not correct to liken him to former Indonesian President B.J. Habibie. There should be no comparison between his relations with Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and that of Habibie with his predecessor, Suharto. Page 3
5. KUALA LUMPUR: Human Resources Minister Datuk Dr Fong Chan Onn says the government allows the recruitment of foreign workers to ensure that its effort to expedite economic recovery is not jeopardised. It is only a temporary measure. Page 5
6. KUALA LUMPUR: The government does not plan to raise the age of people taking driving test from the present 18 to 21. Deputy Transport Minister Tan Sri Ramli Ngah Talib says the government encourages motorcycle riders to wear reflective jacket but it is not compulsory. Page 6
7. KUALA LUMPUR: The Education Ministry has taken both long and short measures to overcome the shortage of teachers in Chinese primary schools. The minister Tan Sri Musa Mohammad says Chinese primary schools face a shortage of 3,778 teachers. Page 6
8. KUALA TERENGGANU: The PAS led state government has decided to extend the licence of seven gambling outlets for another month. The operators have appealed to the government to allow them to find other jobs. Page 11
9. JOHOR BAHRU: Police have smashed a car stealing syndicate with the arrest of six people. They recovered seven stolen cars. Members of the syndicate were involved in at least 21 car stealing cases and four robbery cases. Page 11
10. KULAI: Another case of fighting among students in a secondary school - a student received six stitches after being hit on the head with a chair. The father of the student claimed that his son was assaulted before when he refused to join any gang. Page 18

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