

NANYANG SINAG PAU HIGHLIGHTS
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1. PUSAN: Doha, the capital city of Qatar, has emerged winner to host the 2006 Asian Games after defeating Kuala Lumpur, Hong Kong and New Delhi. Delegates from 41 member countries of the Olympic Council of Asia voted in favour of Doha at a general assembly here. page 1. lead story.

2. WEST PALM BEACH: The fight over the US presidential post between Al Gore of Democrat and George W. Bush of the Republican has shifted to the court on Saturday after Bush filed a suit to prevent a third recount in the Florida state. Hearing will be heard in Miami Monday. page 1.

3. DOHA: All Muslim and developing countries will become a part of the North Atlantic countries if the globalisation concept conceived now comes true, warns Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir. Globalisation was an invention of the North Atlantic countries meant to enhance their domination of the world, he adds. page A2.

4. DOHA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir criticizes Muslim countries for failing to take any action to stop Israeli aggression against the Palestinians. Speaking at the Organisation of Islamic Conference summit, Dr Mahathir expresses regret that although Muslim countries represented more than a third of the membership of the United Nations, they could only watch helplessly as Israel continued to kill innocent Palestinians. page A2.

5. ALOR SETAR: Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi says all parties should accord their full cooperation to the Malaysian Human Rights Commission if the commission conducts an objective investigation into allegations of police brutality against opposition supporters during an illegal mass rally in Shah Alam. Abdullah says he had directed the police to give their full cooperation. page A2

6. SERI BEGAWAN: Malaysia clarifies that it had never opposed nor prevented the World Trade Organisation from holding a new round of talk. As to why Malaysia was branded as "anti-WTO's new round of talk", International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz believes it was a politically motivated by certain countries. page A3.

7. KUALA LUMPUR: As at October this year, a total of 200,000 ICs were reported lost. The authorities believed some of these documents could have been fallen into the hands of illegal syndicates. Director-general of the National Registration Department Datuk Azizan does not rule out the possibility of illegal syndicate selling fake ICs to illegal immigrants. page A4.

8. KUALA LUMPUR: A Malaysian international passport could fetch as high as RM133,000 to RM152,000 in the international black market, says deputy Home Affairs Minister Datuk Zainal Abidin. He advises Malaysians to take good care of their passports to prevent them from falling into the hands of unscrupulous people. page A4.

9. KUALA LUMPUR: Jiao Zong vice-president Loke Teng Yee hopes the outcome of discussion between several political leaders and the Education Minister would be amendments to the Education Act 1996, and an assurance given in black and white that the identity of Chinese primary schools would never be changed. The Chinese community, he says, does not trust verbal promise. page A8.

10. KUALA LUMPUR: The Government is studying the possibility of extending the mandatory retirement age of civil servants from the existing 55 to 60. The proposal was contained in a report submitted by the Second National Economic Consultative Council. page A17

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