

SIN CHEW JIT POH HIGHLIGHT  
11 JANUARY 2000

1. KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad says Malaysia can be fully developed by 2020. In an article in a Japanese daily, he says the country has recovered from the economic crisis following the attack on the economy by speculators. Lead story. page 1.

2. KUALA LUMPUR: Ops Statik - 21 people were killed in road accidents on the second day of Hari Raya Aidilfitri. The victims included six motorcyclists and pillion riders, 12 motorists and three pedestrians. page 2.

3. MERSING: UMNO Vice President Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak says the no contest for the party's two top posts is only an advice by the Supreme Council. It is left to the divisions to decide whether to accept the advice. page 4.

4. KUALA PILAH: Wanita UMNO deputy leader Datuk Napsiah Omar says she is determined to challenge Datuk Dr. Siti Zaharah Sulaiman for the top post in the coming party elections. She is offering her service and it is up to the delegates to decide. page 4.

5. KOTA BARU: Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Aziz Nik Mat has received an unsigned letter claiming that there are people out to topple him in the state. He confirmed having received the letter naming the three persons as "Abdul". page 5.

6. KUALA LUMPUR: Girls who like to patronise pubs and discos have been advised to be extra careful. Some youngmen, sons of rich families, would spike their drinks with Estasy pills. They should not fall preys to these people. MCA complaint bureau chief Michael Chong says several such "incidents" have occurred in discos. page 6.

7. KUALA LUMPUR: Cuepacs hopes to seek an appointment with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir over the extension of retirement age for civil servants from 55 to 58 after his return from abroad. According to reports, the cabinet has rejected Cuepacs' proposal. page 9.

8. KUALA LUMPUR: Agriculture Minister Datuk Affendi Nawawi says he will meet pig farm operators and those related to the industry to try to overcome their problems after Hari Raya. The ministry is trying to help them re-establish their business after the attack of Japanese Encephalitis and Nipah Virus. page 16.

9. IPOH: Tourism in Cameron Highlands appears to have been affected by continuous rain despite the school holiday. The streets in Brinchang and Tanah Ratah are deserted. A hotel operator says many tourists have cancelled their bookings. page 17.

10. BEIJING: The armed forces in Nanjing and Guanjou have been placed on full alert in view of the coming presidential election in Taiwan. The leave for armed forces personnel is frozen for five months. page 23

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