

1. KUALA LUMPUR: The internal crisis of Malaysian Association of Youth Clubs (MAYC) is becoming critical when 250 association members plan to boycott the MAYC general assembly in Kota Tinggi, Johor this Sunday. Lead story page 1

2. ALOR STAR: A man charged with lifting his sarong and exposing his genital to Puteri UMNO member during campaigning for the Anak Bukit by-election in Jly was acquitted by the magistrate's court. Magistrate Mohamad Redzuan Abdullah said the prosecution had failed to prove a prima facie case against Razak Abas, 55. page 1

3. KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datui Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad said the government will prosecute any body who solicit money without a license from the public to raise fund for People's Religious Schools whose financial assistance was suspended by the authorities. page 2

4. PUTRAJAYA: Malaysia will not follow Singapore's example by deploying armed forces personnel and warship to keep watch over Pulau Batu Puteh as such an action would lead to confrontation with the island republic, Prime Minister Datuk Sri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad said. page 2

5. KUALA LUMPUR: Singapore said it has exercised sovereign rights for "more than 150 years" over Pulau Batu Puteh, as it hit out at "wild and irresponsible accusations" in the Malaysian media. A radar facility was built in 1989 while a helipad was constructed in 1991, although Singapore has carried out "routine maintenance" work for these facilities, a foreign ministry spokesman said in a statement. page 2

6. KUALA LUMPUR: Suspected members of Jemaah Islamiah (JI) detained here can testify via video-conferencing if Indonesia wants them to appear as witnesses in the Bali bombing trial.

Police are exploring this option to allow the suspects to give testimony at the trial, if requested by Indonesian prosecutors. The trial is scheduled to start in Bali in February. Inspector-General of police Tan Sri Norian Mai said that sending JI members to Indonesian courts would cause legal problems. page 4

7. KUALA TERENGGANU: About 160 farmers and fishermen in Terengganu protested against the 10 per cent salary increase for the Menteri Besar and State Assemblymen next eyar. page 5

8. KUALA LUMPUR: Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka has given the assurance that the supply of text books is sufficient for next year's schooling session. page 8

9. JOHOR BAHRU: Police believe they have crippled a luxury car-theft syndicate following the arrest of two men and the seizure of four vehicles last Monday and Wednesday. Johore CID chief SAC II Tan Seng Eng said the men, aged 26 and 50, were being detained under Section 379A of the Penal Code for further investigation. page 11

10. KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysian and Indonesian women leaders can become emissaries of peace to promote bilateral ties between the two countries and the region on the whole. Women and Family Development Minister Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil said this was decided at the meeting with a delegation led by Indonesian Women Empowerment Minister, Sri Redjeki Sumaryoto S.H. page 12