

UTUSAN MALAYSIA NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS
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1. KUALA LUMPUR: Motorists have been given until May 16 to settle outstanding summonses after police found themselves swamped by the response. Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Abdawi Ahmad said police decided to extend the deadline after they found that many motorists wanted to pay up but could not do so within the given period. Lead story page 1

2. JITRA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad said he will still contest in Kubang Pasu parliamentary seat and not Putrajaya if he is nominated by UMNO as a candidate in the general elections. page 1

3. KUALA LUMPUR: The Royal Police of Malaysia has collected RM100 million from the traffic offenders since the operations to get summonses paid up. page 1

4. KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia will host the Islamic Financial Services Board (IFSB), which is tasked with setting international prudential standards for Islamic financial instruments, and Bank Negara Malaysia governor Tan Sri Dr Zeti Akhtar Aziz has been appointed as chairman of its steering committee. Page 1

5. JITRA: Wanita UMNO must allow its members who are below the age of 35 to join Puteri UMNO if they opted to do so, party president Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad said. page 2

6. JITRA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said that PAS does not stand a chance of winning the next general election in view of the increasing support for Umno among the Malays.

He said that PAS, which claims that it will be able to capture all the seats in the next general election, can keep on dreaming. Page 2

7. SERDANG: Malaysia will not have to import rice if padi farmers converted to the MR219 variety which gave a better yield, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said. 2

8. KEMAMAN: A worker was killed, three seriously injured and three others escaped with minor injuries when a fire broke out at the Petronas gas procession plant high pressure flare line in Kerttuh at 4.30am Thursdat. page 3

9. SONGKHLA: Malaysians spend about RM4 millions a month at the border towns in southern Thailand. page 4

10. KUALA LUMPUR: The time taken by rail train travelling between Butterworth and Johor will be reduced by six hours from the present 12 when the RM12 billion electric train system is to be introduced in 2008. page 16

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