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Blackout in five States takes top spot in Tamil papers

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THE blackout in five northern States took centre-stage in the Tamil media yesterday with the Malaysia Nanban urging Tenaga Nasional Berhad to do its best to prevent a recurrence.

The newspaper said in an editorial that the nation could not sustain losses resulting from outages like the one suffered on Monday.

Malaysia Nanban and Tamil Nesan accorded the news top spot, both carrying Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's advice to TNB on the front page.

Dr Mahathir had urged the utility company to investigate the blackout, saying this should not recur despite his satisfaction with the speed which the problem was resolved.

Malaysia Nanban said any disruption would affect productivity. This would be translated into a drop in revenue for the private sector.

On another front, Tamil Nesan yesterday quoted a senior MIC official as saying that Tamil pupils would need to improve their performance educationally as well as in discipline.

He was quoted as saying that the MIC would continue to play a leading role by contributing towards facilities to keep pupils gainfully occupied.