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NAM takes precedence over local news

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THE Tamil newspapers are concentrating on the NAM summit as a cursory look at the Tamil Nesan and Malaysia Nanban over the past few days reveals.

Both newspapers devoted their back pages to stories and colour photographs on the summit yesterday, the only difference being the horizontal play employed by the Tamil Nesan which caught the eye.

With NAM stories taking over the pages and the usual publication of stories from the Indian sub-continent, there was precious little in terms of local stories for readers.

Malaysia Nanban, in its editorial yesterday, said participants at the summit were expecting Malaysia to take the grouping to greater heights. Such an expectation, the newspaper added, was not misplaced as Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was expected to give the organisation new direction.

Tamil Nesan, in its editorial yesterday, opined that the time had come for NAM nations to work towards conducting more business among themselves.

The newspaper felt that this was necessary if NAM was to assume greater relevance in the 21st century.

The movement, it added, would have its rightful say in international issues if its stature was shored up by stronger business credentials.