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PM's first day at work focus of Tamil media front pages

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THE Tamil media continued their focus on Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi with both Tamil Nesan and Malaysia Nanban leading their front-pages with stories on the Prime Minister's first day at work.

They concentrated on the overriding theme in his messages, both in the Dewan Rakyat and at his office in Putrajaya, that he would ensure continuity of programmes initiated by Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

On another front, Selangor MIC wants estate managements to provide permanent housing to estate workers besides land for Tamil schools and temples.

Tamil Nesan quoted State Executive Councillor Datuk K. Sivalingam as saying that this was essential as the workers had sacrificed a great deal for their employers.

Sivalingam reportedly said the management of Coalfield Estate in Kuala Selangor, currently being developed, should allocate some of the low-cost units to workers.

Several non-Governmental organisations wants the Dewan Bahasa Dan Pustaka to remove the word "keling" from a dictionary published by the organisation.

The NGOs lodged a report on the matter at the Brickfields police station.

Meanwhile, the Sungai Siput Umno division wants Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu to re-contest the seat in the next general election.