



Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad admiring the new Proton Saga before driving it around the city yesterday. With him is Proton chairman Datuk Seri Syed Faisal Albar (second from left). (Inset) Dr Mahathir driving the Saga.

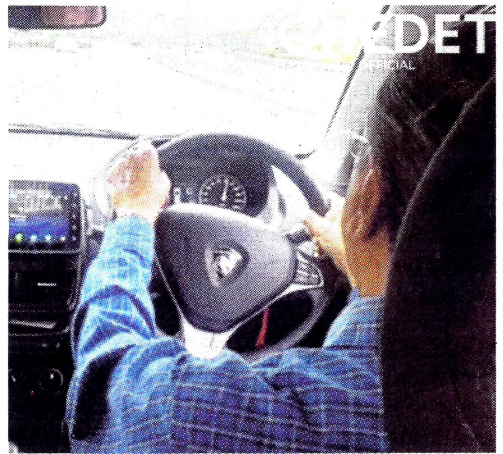
SUNDAY DRIVE

Dr M takes new Saga for a spin

KUALA LUMPUR: Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad took a drive around the city in the new Proton Saga yesterday.

In a video clip uploaded on his official Facebook site, the prime minister was earlier seen admiring Proton's latest model while being briefed by the automotive company's Engineering director Hazrin Fazail Haroon.

Others in the 41-second clip were Proton chairman Datuk Seri Syed Faisal Albar and deputy chief executive officer,



Datuk Radzaif Mohamed.

Proton launched its latest version of the Saga on Aug 6 in three variants with a starting price of RM32,800 (Standard MT), RM35,800 (Standard AT) and RM39,800 (Premium AT).

Proton's first model was the Saga, launched on July 9, 1985.

The name Saga was given by the late Ismail Jaafar, a soldier, in a contest.

The name was taken from the bright red seed of the tropical plant Saga (*Adenantha Pavonina*), commonly found in Malaysia. **Bernama**