

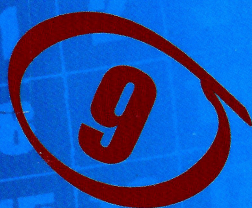


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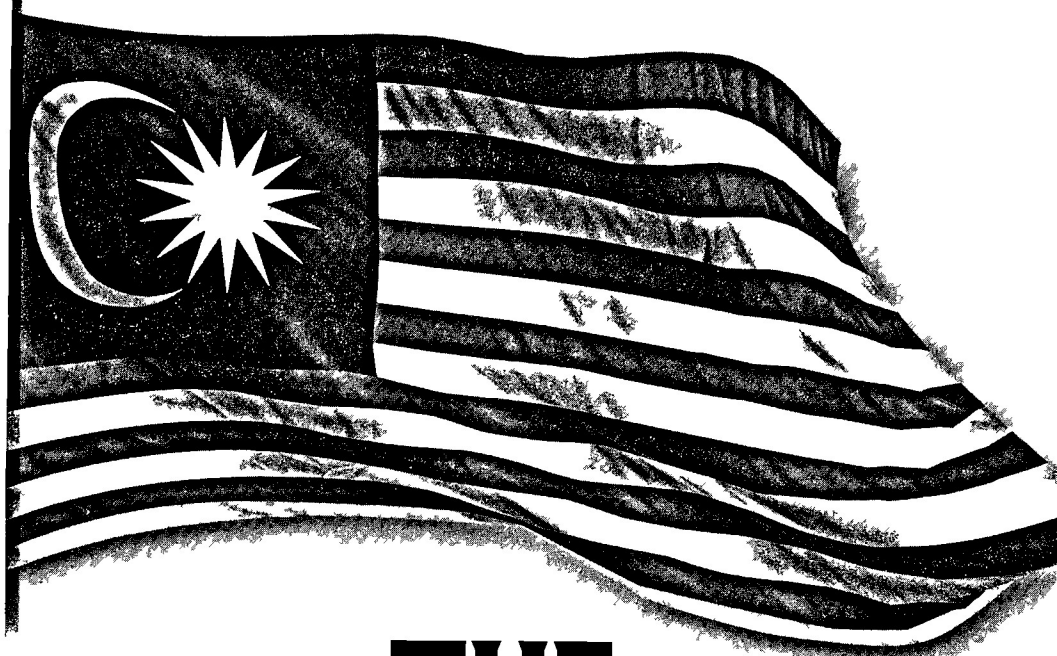
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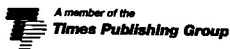
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*Lim Jack Kin
and all those of his generation
who represent the hope and future of Malaysia*

*the comrades for change who protested in the sun and rain,
stood up to tear gas and water cannons,
were harassed by the police and even arrested,
helped out in any way they could,*

*and, above all,
the Malaysian people who voted for change
for without them, there would not have been
a people's victory.*



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