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authorized a sweeping assessment of privatization policies of former PM Mahathir's administration; The study was in fact proposed and initiated by former PM Mahathir], p. 4; (2) "Intelligence: Malaysia urged to boost controls" [U.S. officials pleased with their late February talks in Malaysia on nonproliferation issues, but say K.L. needs to do more to strengthen export controls], p.11; (3) Michael Vatikiotis, "Malaysia: Daim's expanding empire" [Daim Zainuddin played a key role in creating a Malay entrepreneurial class during former PM Mahathir Mohamad's heyday of high growth; Now, in a more sedate political climate, Daim is focusing his energies on building a private global-banking empire], pp. 42-43 (4) Nury Vittachi, "Travellers' tales: friends in high places" [God has been banned from elections in Malaysia -- Neither he nor his agents are allowed to demand votes in exchange for guaranteed reservations at upmarket establishments in the afterlife -- Elections chief Abdul Rashid Abdul told religious electioneers that such offers would be 'disadvantageous to the other candidates.' God was not available for comment], p. 46.

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that suspected Islamic militants are being regularly abused in Malaysian prison, and that U.S. Guantanamo Bay prison gives fodder for abuse by other governments], p. 24; **(4)** Michael J. Montesano, "The 5th column: Pattani and the premier league" [The terms of integration of the (Malay and Thai Muslim) south must reflect new developments, whose origins may lie as far outside Thailand's borders as do English soccer pitches" -- Thailand need not abandon its efforts to integrate the Muslim south, but the terms of integration need to reflect new developments -- Old solutions will not work in southern Thailand], p. 27; **(5)** Phillip Day, "Singapore: the lion roars" [Thanks to strong exports and to a lesser extent domestic demand, Singapore's economy is back on track], p. 50; **(6)** Nury Vittachi, "Travellers' tales: gone to ground" [Singapore women collected 15 years of insurance for death of husband, but also remarried him and conceived a baby with him -- Scam discovered when brother hired a lawyer to get more money from the insurance firms], p.56.

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Jul/01/04 -- **(1)** Michael Haas, "Letters: unhelpful scolding" [Instead of scolding the parties of the 5-power defense arrangements, which have done some good, FEER should cover the Tripartite Council (Indonesia,

Malaysia, Singapore)], p. 3; **(2)** Leslie Lopez, "Malaysia: a bit stretched" [After years of spending on physical infrastructure, the government is having trouble settling its bills], p. 52.

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[Unlikely that PM Abdullah Ahmad Badawi will be challenged for the presidency of UMNO; but the appearance of a rival candidate, Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah (former finance minister), suggests that Abdullah's leadership is not universal among Malays], p. 15; (5) S. Jayasankaran, "Diplomacy: a new realism" [Malaysia reverses its decades-long policy of shunning ties with Australia and New Zealand -- A July 20 Malaysian trade and investment mission to Australia hopes to cash in on PM Abdullah's fresh goodwill and erase years of prickly relations between Canberra and KL -- In April ASEAN invited both Australia and New Zealand to start talks to create a free-trade area], p. 54.

Jul/29/04 -- (1) "Regional briefing: Malaysia says it will go to Iraq" [Malaysia, has agreed to send a 'sizeable medical team' to Iraq and may also help in reconstruction efforts, announced after the 20 July meeting between PM Abdullah and President Bush -- Seen as a move to mend recent disagreements], p. 12; (2) "Regional briefing: Singapore" [Singapore plans to build Asia's first terminal dedicated to low-cost airlines -- Expected to open within four years], p. 12; (3) "Regional briefing: Brunei" [Sultan announces reinstatement of Brunei's legislative body, suspended 20 years ago -- Members to be appointed rather than elected -- And right of the sultan's family to rule by decree will remain intact], pp. 12-13; (4) "Regional briefing: Malaysia" [Lawyers for former Deputy PM Anwar Ibrahim claim Anwar could face paralysis is not allowed to go abroad (Germany) for back surgery -- Government offered prompt surgery in KL -- Malaysian Federal Court delays decision on Anwar's final appeal against sodomy charge], p. 13; (5) Barry Wain, "Exit Goh, enter Lee" [In final move succession plan, Singapore announced that Lee Hsien Loong will replace Goh Chok Tong as PM on August 12 -- Observers interested in whether or not Lee maintains practice of having two deputy premiers], p. 13.

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Global Change, Peace & Security

V.16,n.2 -- Jun 2004 -- (1) Judith Nagata, "Alternative models of Islamic governance in Southeast Asia: Neo-Sufism and the Arqam experiment in Malaysia" [Focuses on the origins and spread of one Malay Islamic non-violent ideological confrontation movement, Al Arqam -- Its experiments with schools, clinics, farms and factories -- How it became a de facto political

movement and was banned and came to be considered a 'heresy'], pp. 99-114; (2) Jan Stark, "Contesting models of Islamic governance in Malaysia and Indonesia" [Discusses a gradual transformation of the Wahhabi-inspired dakwah-Islam of the 1970s into new discourses of Islamic civil society undertaken by the emerging middle classes of both countries], pp. 115-131; (3) Maznah Mohamad, "Women's engagement with political Islam in Malaysia" [Examines the engagement of Muslim women's groups with political Islam in Malaysia -- Argues that while political Islam has been seen as inimical to women's status and interest, its effect has been softened by such engagement -- Such engagement has also blunted Malay-Muslim political dominance by weakening the myth of Malay consensus in the multi-ethnic political system], pp. 133-149; (4) Chaiwat Satha-Anand, "Praying in the rain: the politics of engaged Muslims in anti-war protest in Thai society" [Examines the anti-war protest of March 26, 2003 against the U.S.-Iraq war by Muslims in southern Thailand -- How the Muslim minority in Thailand engage other Thai citizens (mostly Buddhists) while preserving their identity as Muslims], pp. 151-167; (5) Ahmad Fauzi Abdul Hamid, "Islam, Weberism and economic development: an adjunct to Nagata's outline of the Arqam experiment in Malaysia (1968-1994)" [Questions the theoretical analysis of the relationship between religion and modernization, as deriving from Weberism], pp. 169-179.

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V.42,n.1 -- 2004 -- (1) Prem Kumar Rajaram & Carl Grundy-Warr, "The irregular migrant as *Homo sacer*: migration and detention in Australia, Malaysia, and Thailand" [From the abstract -- Looks at aspects of the detention of irregular migrants in Australia, Malaysia, and Thailand -- The question of how notions of political participation and of sovereignty are affected by the detention of certain sorts of individuals], pp. 33-63 (Abstracts in French and Spanish on p. 64).

Journal of Multilingual & Multicultural Development

Vol 24: 3, 2003 -- (1) Su-Hie Ting "Impact of language planning on language attitudes: a case study of Sarawak" [Examines the impact of language planning on language attitudes in Sarawak, where there is strong resistance to replacing English with the national language (bahasa Malaysia) -- 142 returned questionnaires, plus interviews and observations -- Participants keen to be proficient in both languages], pp. 195-210; (2) Lionel Wee, "Linguistic instrumentalism in Singapore" [Explores a move by the Singapore government toward a more pragmatic view of language, seen in government's attempt to assert the economic value of local languages, officially known as 'mother tongues' -- Previously seen primarily as repositories of cultural values; whereas English seen as a domain of economic and technological matters], pp. 211-224.

Malaysian Business

Jan 1st-15th -- 2004 -- (1) A. Kadir Jasin, "Other thots: the danger of overstaying in politics" [As the general election becomes more imminent, it is time for the ruling coalition to take stock of the situation and the needful"], pp. 5-7; **(2)** Manik Mehta, "Malaysia and the Bollywood factor" ["As Bollywood get more popular in Malaysia, relations between the 2 countries continue to grow in tandem"], pp. 18-19.

Jan 16th-31st -- 2004 -- (1) A. Kadir Jasin, "Other thots: building an effective team" [The appointment of Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak as DPM: an effort to build an effective team], p. 7.

Feb 1st-15th -- 2004 -- (1) A. Kadir Jasin, "Other thots: regarding national cars and *Bumiputras*" [Charity begins at home, therefore, from Proton and Perodua to the double-tracking project to the *Bumiputera* agenda, shouldn't we be more nurturing and understanding], pp. 5-7; Charles Raj, "Commentary: what's the delay?" [The idea of a national health financing scheme has been discussed for years... the country waits], p.8.

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V.19,n.1 -- Apr 2004 -- (1) Selvaraj Velayutham, "Affect, materiality, and the gift of social life in Singapore" [From the abstract -- Research data from an internet forum, e-mail survey, and newspaper report relating to the question of national identity & belonging in Singapore -- How Singaporeans relate to kinds of discourses on national identity presented by government and how they articulate their belonging to the Singapore nation -- Argues that government's concentration on economic development and survivalism has created an 'ambivalent and tenuous relationship' between the individual and the nation-state], pp. 1-27; **(2)** Jan Stark, "Constructing an Islamic model in two Malaysian states: PAS rule in Kelantan and Tregganu" [From the abstract -- Deals with various meanings of models of Islamic governance introduced by PAS -- Shows how Islamic discourses of modernism and traditionalism have been interwoven, acquiring new ambiguous and shifting meanings ... Shia-style state, Islamic democracy, Islamist basics], pp. 51-75; **(3)** Alexander Horstmann, "Ethnohistorical perspectives on Buddhist-Muslim relations and coexistence in southern Thailand: from shared cosmos to the emergence of hatred?" [From the abstract -- A review article based on ethnological literature about Muslim-Buddhist relations in the period 1969-2002 in the area straddling southern Thailand and peninsular Malaysia -- The transformation of Muslim-Buddhist relations from shared cosmos to the mobilization of hatred -- The transition from the positive local institutions of co-existence & reciprocity to their collapse by extra-local factors, the state and globalization], pp.76-99.

The Chronicle of Higher Education (On line at <http://chronicle.com/email>)

May/19/04 -- (1) Martha Ann Overland, "Thailand plans to open new university in hopes of stemming Islamic militancy" [Thailand to open a new university for the southern provinces of Narathiwat, Pattani and Yala (a Malay kingdom until the beginning of the 20th century) next year to help stem a growing Islamic separatist movement – The government is concerned that foreign Islamic educational institutions in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Egypt, where many residents of southern Thailand go for formal religious-based education on full scholarships, pose a threat to Thai national security – The new university would be built around four existing technical colleges in Narathiwat province and would open next year, and another for Yala province is planned – (Editor's note: Thanks to Kent Mulliner at Ohio University for finding and sending this item to *Berita*. Also, there is a well-developed Islamic Studies College at the Pattani campus of Prince of Songkla University; so that the new university in Narathiwat and the one planned for Yala represent additions rather than first attempts to use higher Islamic education to solve Islamic separatism in the southern provinces.)]

The Economist

May 8th-14th--2004 -- (1) "The car industry: Proton bomb" [Malaysia's creaky national car company faces an uncertain future -- Former PM Mahathir returns to Proton and several board members threatened to resign -- Present PM Abdullah Badawi called an emergency board meeting on 17 April -- Problems in the boardroom reflect problems on the ground -- Last year Proton's domestic market share plunged from 49% to 38% as sales fell 28% to 155,000 cars, and net profit are expected to plunge to half those of last year], p. 61.

May 22nd-28th -- 2004 -- (1) "The Spratly Islands: small is beautiful and valuable, for six suitors" [In the Spratly Islands, tourism is war by other means – In March, Taiwan built a bird-watching hide on a tiny island previously visited by soldiers – In response, Vietnam dispatched a boat-load of tourists through the archipelago – Malaysia provides unprovoked bouts of marine research in the area – China and the Philippines are quietly fuming -- All five nations maintain a presence in the archipelago, but the sixth claimant, Brunei, is much less active], p.40.

May 29th- Jun 4th -- 2004

(1) "South-East Asia's economies: no China syndrome" [China's growth may slow, but that need not be bad news for Southeast Asia -- The Singapore economy grew by 7.5% and Malaysia's by 7.6% -- Of the big economies in the region, only Malaysia and Vietnam are net exporters -- "A mysterious insurgency in the Muslim-majority areas in the south (of Thailand) has spooked investors"], p. 44.

Jun 5th -11th -- 2004 --(1)"Thailand: Thaksin in trouble?"

[Still popular, but problems increasing as an election nears, especially the continuing violence in the Muslim/Malay areas of southern Thailand], p.39.

Jun 12th-18th -- 2004 -- (1) "Shipping in South-East Asia: going for the jugular" [The Strait of Malacca, through which a quarter of the world's maritime trade passes, makes a tempting target for terrorists and pirates -- At a regional security meeting in Singapore last week, Singapore deputy prime minister Tony Tan pointed out that a ship sunk in the right spot, where the strait's sea lane is only 25 meters deep, would cripple world trade -- Still, not much evidence of terrorist interest in such a plot, in spite of (or maybe because of) a lot of piracy in the strait -- Malaysia and Indonesia have already rejected the idea of American patrols], pp. 37-38

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Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea and Thailand]; (2) Ch. 4, Chua Beng Huat, "Housing provision and management of aspirations" [Draws out the social, political and economic effects of the universal provision of housing by the PAP]; (3) [Bye-the-bye mentions of Singapore in some of the other 12 chapters.]

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2004 (forthcoming) ***British Business and Post-Colonial Malaysia, 1957-70: Neo-colonialism or Disengagement?*** New York: Routledge Curzon. 304 pp. Hb. 0-415-32320-1. [Explores the limits of the idea that in the period immediately following independence Malaysia experienced only pseudo-independence because of the dominance of British business interests.]

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2004 ***Four decades of transformation: land use in Singapore, 1960-2000***. Eastern Universities Press Marshall Cavendish Intl. SI/ISBS. 9812102701. R3-443317. [From SEA Cntr, U. Washington list of books ordered for UW Libraries, May-June 2004]

Amnesty International

(Abstracted from information provided by Margaret John, Coordinator for Singapore & Malaysia, Amnesty International Canada)

From the *Straits Times* 6 July, 2004. Senior Minister Lee drops defamation suit against ailing Devan Nair, because the ex-president, now living in Canada has early stages of dementia, and is unable to testify. A Canadian newspaper, *The Globe and Mail*, a defendant in the suit as a result of publishing an article titled 'Singapore sage', first reported the dementia. In the article, Mr. Nair alleged that Mr. Lee had gone on a character demolition campaign when Mr. Nair had resigned as president in 1985 because of

Alcoholism, a condition he denied. Moreover, he suspected that Mr. Lee had instructed government doctors to slip Mr. Nair hallucinatory drugs to make him appear befuddled... an accusation he has recently withdrawn. Mr. Lee filed a lawsuit in 1999 against Mr. Nair and *The Globe and Mail*, for S\$520,000 in penalties, damages and costs. Mr. Nair counter-sued in 2001, standing by earlier statements and claiming damages plus costs. He also alleged that under Mr. Lee's leadership, the Singapore government had a history of using legal action to silence political opponents. Then Mr. Lee moved to strike the counter suit, saying it was a scandalous and inflammatory attack on the integrity of the Singapore government. But the Ontario Superior Court dismissed his motion in January 2002. Since then, there has been no word of the pending libel suit until the recent story in the *The Globe and Mail*. On 5 July 2004, the newspaper confirmed that Mr. Lee discontinued the suit without costs.

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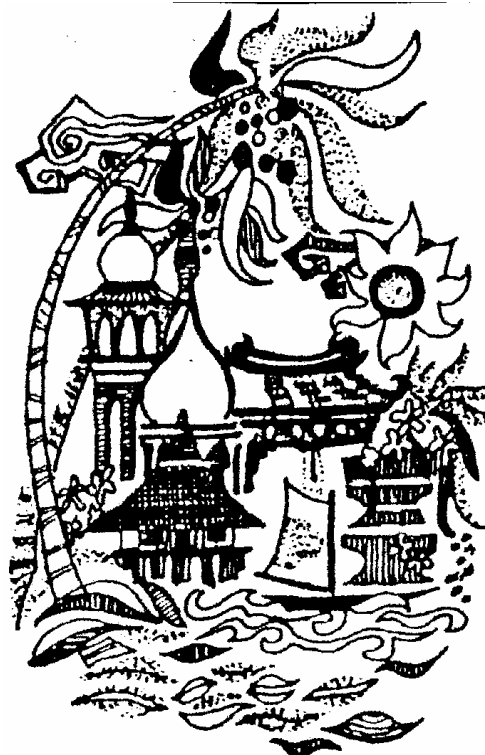
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