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A LOCAL university lecturer has managed to find a quick way to identify the presence of pig DNA in food and cosmetics, *Kosmo!* reported.

University Putra Malaysia food technology department lecturer, Prof Dr Yaakob Che Man, said the DNA could be identified within two hours using a procedure known as real-time Polymeris Chain Reactor.

He, said the procedure would be able to identify pig DNA even if trace amounts weighed as little as 0.001 nanograms.

He added that the identification of what kind

of animal meat or fats was present in a food product was important to Muslims, adding that his procedure was patented a few months ago.

> *Sinar Harian* reports that the Selangor Zakat Board has been practising discrimination in the disbursement of *zakat* (tithes) since Pakatan Rakyat took over the state.

State assemblymen from Barisan Nasional alleged that the board refused to disburse *zakat* to those who were supposedly Barisan supporters.

In an immediate response, the board said it never picked and chose who to give *zakat* to and never

condoned any type of discrimination.

> *Utusan Malaysia* columnist, Awang Selamat, wrote that Opposition Leader, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, was willing to forsake the country's economy in his quest for power.

He said he was sad over Anwar's action to publicise his intention to seize the government which had affected the economy.

"It is understood that many new investment opportunities have been missed whereas investors are running away because they are worried about the instability," Awang added.