



1. 15 June 1964: Raja meets leaders of Malay organisations to assure them of the government's even-handed policy towards all races. For months now, Malay ultras have been spreading the poison that the PAP government and the Chinese majority were oppressing the Malays.



2. 22 July 1964, second day of the racial riots: As Singapore's point man for dealing with the Federation on the riots, Raja works closely with his KL-appointed counterpart Khir Johari (*far left*), Malaysian minister for agriculture and co-operatives. They are heading to the Adelphi Hotel for a briefing by Malaysia's acting PM Tun Abdul Razak. Behind them are deputy prime minister Toh Chin Chye (*far right*) and social affairs minister Othman Wok.

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3. *Left:* 24 July 1964, on a tour with Toh around the riot-stricken areas of Kampong Glam, Rochor and Crawford: Raja assures Malays taking refuge in the Sultan Mosque in his ward that the attackers are not their neighbours.

4. *Below:* In the same tour, Raja and Toh call on the Chinese to stay calm.



5. *Left:* 18 Aug 1964: Lee Kuan Yew receives Malaysian PM Tunku Abdul Rahman (*far right*) at the Paya Lebar Airport on his visit to Singapore.

6. *Below:* 19 Aug 1964: The Tunku and Lee visit Geylang Serai, where the riots first started. About two weeks later, riots break out again after the mysterious killing of a Malay trishaw rider in Geylang Serai.





7. Oct 1964: Piroska spreads the multiracial message at an arts and crafts event at Kampong Glam Community Centre.



8. Above: Jan 1965: Attending a 'Thaipusam' celebration at the Chettiars' temple on Tank Road.

9. Right: 26 May 1965: Piroska greets Raja at Paya Lebar Airport on his return from his month-long visit to Germany. It is an anxious time, with Malay ultras escalating their calls for the arrest of PAP leaders.





10. 6 June 1965: Lee calls for a united and just Malaysian Malaysia at the Malaysian Solidarity Convention (MSC) at the National Theatre.



11. *Left:* A capacity crowd of about 7,000 crammed into the National Theatre to support the MSC.

12. *Below:* 7 June 1965: Raja continues the open argument for a Malaysian Malaysia at a forum on “The Concept and Implementation of a Malaysian Malaysia” organised by the Democratic Socialist Club of the University of Singapore, at the campus.





13. Above: 12 June 1965: Raja gives a warning to those talking of taking over Singapore by unconstitutional means, in his speech at the 5th anniversary celebrations of the Kampong Glam Community Centre.



14. Right: 13 July 1965: Despite grappling with grave problems with KL, Raja maintains a façade of normality as he meets French minister of cultural affairs Andre Malraux (*far left*) at City Hall.



15. 20 July 1965: Raja bids farewell to expelled freelance British journalist Alex Josey at Paya Lebar Airport before he boards his flight for the UK. Two weeks later, on 9 Aug, Singapore is out of Malaysia.



16. 10 Aug 1965: Lee, with Raja at his side, explains Singapore's predicament to their MSC allies, at the Cabinet Office, before their press conference. *From far right:* Lim Chong Eu, secretary-general of the United Democratic Party; Ong Kee Hui, chairman of the Sarawak United People's Party; and D.R. Seenivasagam, chairman of the People's Progressive Party.



17. 10 Aug 1965: Raja in deep thought during the press conference, chaired by Toh, to address questions on Singapore's separation from Malaysia and the fate of the MSC. Lee joins the press conference later.



18. 16 Sept 1965: Receives an enthusiastic send-off by supporters as he embarks on a historic mission to secure Singapore's admission to the United Nations.



19. Sept 1965: Raja at the UN, with (from left) Toh, Abu Bakar Pawanchee and Jean Leembruggen.



Oct–Nov 1965: Raja and Toh on a goodwill mission to project Singapore’s new image as an independent country. **20.** *Above:* In Moscow, they attend the 48th anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution at the Red Square. **21.** *Below left:* Raja and Rahim Ishak (*far right*) meet Soviet foreign minister Andrei Gromyko at the Kremlin. **22.** *Below right:* In Cairo, the Singapore mission calls on foreign minister of the United Arab Republic Dr Mahmud Fauzy.

