

# Chronology

3 September	1945	British forces reoccupy Malaya and the British Administration is set up
10 October	1945	Details of the Malayan Union Policy announced and the following day the British Government's representative Sir Harold MacMichael arrives to negotiate with the Malay Rulers
23 January	1946	White Paper on the Malayan Union published
1 March	1946	The All-Malay Congress proposes the formation of the United Malays National Organization (UMNO) to mount opposition to the Malayan Union
1 April	1946	Malayan Union inaugurated. UMNO and the Malay Rulers boycott inauguration ceremony
11 May	1946	UMNO formally set up in Johor Bahru
1 February	1948	Federation of Malaya (Persekutuan Tanah Melayu) inaugurated
23 June	1948	State of Emergency declared in Malaya followed soon after by communist armed rebellion and ban on the Communist Party of Malaya
	1951	Datuk Onn Jaafar resigns as UMNO president and is succeeded by Tunku Abdul Rahman
January	1952	UMNO-MCA Alliance contest municipal elections
	1954	UMNO-MCA-MIC Alliance formed

17 July	1955	Alliance wins 51 of the 52 contested seats in the general election for the Legislative Council. Tunku Abdul Rahman becomes Chief Minister
28 and 29 December	1955	'Peace' Talks at Baling between Tunku Abdul Rahman and the Communist Party of Malaya
May	1956	Razak Education Report published
31 August	1957	Malaya achieves independence
	1959	Alliance is returned to power in general elections in Malaya, but Kelantan state falls to PMIP
	1960	State of Emergency in Malaya ends
	1962	The Tunku dismisses his controversial Minister for Agriculture Aziz bin Ishak
4 April	1963	Indonesia announces "Confrontation" of Malaysia
16 September	1963	Federation of Malaysia comprising Malaya, Singapore, Sarawak and Sabah inaugurated
April	1964	Alliance is returned to power in general elections
9 August	1965	Singapore leaves Malaysia
	1965	Chief Minister of Sabah, Donald Stephens, is removed from office following disagreement with the Federal Government over Singapore's withdrawal from Malaysia
	1966	Chief Minister of Sarawak, Stephen Kalong Ningkan, is removed from office following disagreements with Federal Government over state rights
8 August	1967	ASEAN formed. Comprises Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, the Philippines and Indonesia
12 May	1969	Alliance returned to power in general elections but without two-thirds majority

13 May	1969	Inter-racial riots break out in Kuala Lumpur
15 May	1969	The <i>Yang di-Pertuan Agong</i> declares a national state of emergency. The Parliament is suspended. The National Operations Council formed under Tun Abdul Razak
31 August	1970	The <i>Yang di-Pertuan Agong</i> promulgates the <i>Rukunegara</i> or state ideology
21 September	1970	Tunku Abdul Rahman retires as Prime Minister and is succeeded by Tun Abdul Razak
February	1971	Malaysian Parliament reconvenes and approves “Sensitive Issues” Bill
July	1971	Malaysian Parliament approves the New Economic Policy
	1971	The Kuala Lumpur ASEAN Summit Declaration of ZOPFAN (Zone of Peace, Freedom and Neutrality)
2 August	1973	Tun Hussein Onn is appointed Deputy Prime Minister on the death of Tun Dr Ismail
14 January	1976	Tun Abdul Razak dies and Tun Hussein becomes Prime Minister . Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed becomes his Deputy
	1976	Industrial Co-ordination Act is enforced and meets with opposition from foreign and Chinese businesses
	1976	Datuk Mustapha Harun steps down as Chief Minister of Sabah after his party USNO is defeated by Berjaya party in Sabah elections
	1978	At UMNO General Assembly, Education Minister Musa Hitam rejects Chinese proposal to establish Chinese-medium Merdeka University

	1977	Barisan Nasional is returned to power in general elections
	1979	Datuk Samy Vellu becomes MIC President on the death of Tan Sri Manickavasagam
1 February	1981	Tun Hussein Onn steps down as Prime Minister owing to ill-health and is succeeded by Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir
	1982	Barisan Nasional under Dr Mahathir returned to power in general elections
	1983	Dr Mahathir adopts “Look East” Policy
	1983	Parliament approves Bill to ensure that the <i>Yang di-Pertuan Agong</i> can no longer block Bills passed by Parliament
1 April	1985	The first Proton Saga, Malaysia’s national car, rolls out of its Shah Alam factory
16 March	1986	Musa Hitam resigns as Deputy Prime Minister citing differences with Dr Mahathir
	1986	Barisan Nasional under Dr Mahathir returned to power again
24 April	1987	Tengku Razaleigh contests UMNO’s presidency against Dr Mahathir, but loses
	1988	Parliament approves Federal Constitution (Amendment) Act to curb powers of judiciary
26 May	1988	Lord President Tun Salleh Abbas suspended from office
October	1990	Barisan Nasional returned to power in general elections and Dr Mahathir again becomes Prime Minister
28 February	1991	Dr Mahathir announces his Vision 2020 and the Concept of <i>Bangsa Malaysia</i>

	1991	Tunku Abdul Rahman dies and is given state funeral
10 December	1992	Parliament adopts motion criticizing Sultan of Johor for his high-handed action against a hockey coach
	1992	Anwar Ibrahim defeats Ghafar Baba in the contest for Deputy President of UMNO
18 January	1993	Malay Rulers accept the Constitution (Amendment) Bill passed by Parliament removing their immunity from criminal prosecution
	1995	Dr Mahathir and Barisan Nasional returned to power in the general elections
	1997	Financial crisis hits Malaysia and several countries
September	1998	Dr Mahathir sacks his deputy Anwar Ibrahim on charges of committing sexual misconduct
September	1999	SUQIU announces its demands
November	1999	Barisan Nasional under Dr Mahathir's leadership is again returned to power in general elections, but Kelantan and Terengganu states fall to PAS. Majority of Malay votes swing to PAS
5 January	2001	SUQIU and UMNO Youth reach agreement under which SUQIU agrees to "put aside" seven of its claims
16 July	2002	Dr Mahathir celebrates 20 <sup>th</sup> anniversary in office as Prime Minister

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