

FACT SHEET -- MALAYSIA

Date of Independence:	August 31, 1957
Area:	329,744 square kilometres
Population:	13.3 million
Capital City:	Kuala Lumpur (800,000)
Official Language:	Malay
Religious Groups:	Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, Christian
System of Government:	Constitutional Monarchy
Prime Minister:	Datuk Hussein Onn (will resign in near future. Deputy Prime Minister Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamed appears certain to succeed him.)
Foreign Minister:	Tungku Ahmad Rithauddeen
Party in Power:	National Front
GDP	CDN \$26.6 billion (1980)
Per capita GDP	CDN \$2,000 (1980)
Currency:	1 Ringgit equals CDN \$0.5500