

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: Tunjku 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