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Country Official Name: Malaysia  
Capital: Kuala Lumpur

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## Geodata

Area: 329 750 km<sup>2</sup>

Population: 18 410 920 (92),  
growth 2.4%

Natural Resources: tin, crude oil,  
timber, copper, iron ore

Major Religions: 55% Muslim,  
30% Buddhist, 8% Hindu,

Major Language(s): Malay (official),  
English, Chinese dialects,  
tribal languages



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## Political Data

Type of Government:  
Federation —  
constitutional monarchy  
(& regional rulers)

Leaders:  
Chief of State, Paramount Ruler  
Yang di-Pertuan Agong (Sultan)

Yusof Izzudin (since 26 April 89)

Prime Minister  
Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad

Minister of Foreign Affairs  
Datuk Abdullah bin Haji Ahmad Badawi

Democratic Institutions:  
Bicameral parliament, multiparty elections

UN Human Development Index:  
57/173 (medium)

## Economic Data

GDP (per capita):  
US \$ 3000 (92), growth 8% (92)

Main Exports:  
natural rubber, palm oil, tin,  
timber, petroleum products,  
electrical manufactures

Main Imports:  
food, crude oil, consumer goods,  
capital equipment, chemicals

Export to Canada:  
C \$ 598 million (92)

Import from Canada:  
C \$ 230.8 million (92)

External Debt:  
US \$ 21.4 billion (91)

Main Donors:  
Japan, U.K., Australia

Canadian ODA:  
C \$ 12.42 million (FY 91-92) est.