

Key events since May 9, 2018

Malaysia's political landscape has seen major shifts since Pakatan Harapan's historic win at the polls on May 9 last year. Here is a look at the key events in the past 12 months.

May 9, 2018

- Voters cast their ballots.

May 10

- Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's coalition wins a simple majority of 121 seats out of 222 in Parliament.
- He is sworn in as Malaysia's 7th prime minister at the age of 92, the oldest elected leader in the world.



May 12

- Najib Razak resigns as president of Umno and chairman of former ruling coalition Barisan Nasional.

May 16

- Jailed politician Anwar Ibrahim is given a full pardon from the king and released, paving the way for him to take over as prime minister from Dr Mahathir as agreed.

May 21

- The first 13 Cabinet ministers are appointed.

June 12

- Four Sarawak parties quit Barisan Nasional.

July 2

- 13 more Cabinet ministers are appointed.

July 4

- Najib becomes the first former Malaysian PM hauled to court on criminal charges.
- He is charged with criminal breach of trust and corruption relating to RM42 million (\$14 million) from SRC International, a former unit of state fund 1Malaysia Development Berhad.

Aug 21

- Dr Mahathir cancels two China-backed projects, the East Coast Rail Link (ECRL) and Sabah gas pipeline.



Oct 13

- Datuk Seri Anwar wins the Port Dickson parliamentary seat with a huge majority.



Oct 18

- Dr Mahathir tables a midterm review of the 11th Malaysia Plan, targeting annual economic growth of 4.5 per cent to 5.5 per cent between 2018 and 2020.
- Malaysia's budget deficit is expected to widen to 3 per cent of gross domestic product.

Jan 6, 2019

- Sultan Muhammad V resigns as king.

Jan 22

- Malaysia's two largest state funds, Khazanah Nasional and Permodalan Nasional, are moved from the Ministry of Finance and placed under the purview of the Prime Minister's Office.

Jan 31

- Sultan of Pahang is installed as the new king.

March 5

- Former foes Umno and Parti Islam SeMalaysia announce their formal political cooperation.



April 3

- Najib's first corruption trial, relating to SRC International, begins.



April 9

- Johor Menteri Besar Osman Sapian resigns, sparking a stand-off between Dr Mahathir and Johor's Sultan Ibrahim Sultan Iskandar and the Johor Crown Prince.



April 12

- ECRL project is back on track, at a lower cost and in a 50-50 joint venture with China.

April 13

- Umno's acting president Mohamad Hasan retains the Rantau state seat, marking the third by-election defeat in a row for the Pakatan Harapan government, following losses in Cameron Highlands and Semenyih.

April 26

- A Merdeka Centre survey shows that approval ratings for Dr Mahathir and Pakatan Harapan have plunged.
- Only 24 per cent of Malays believe the country is headed in the right direction, compared with 49 per cent last August.