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The Malay Dilemma Revisited M. Bakri Musa, 2017

Few countries today have culturally or ethnically homogenous populations, the consequence of colonization, globalization, and mass migrations. Thus, the Malaysian dilemma of socioeconomic and other inequities paralleling racial and cultural divisions has global relevance as it also burdens many nations. Malaysia's basic instrument in ameliorating these horizontal (between groups) inequities has been its New Economic Policy (NEP). Its core mechanism being preferential socio-economic and other initiatives favoring indigenous Malays and other non-immigrant minorities, as well as massive state interventions in the marketplace. In place since 1970 in the aftermath of the deadly 1969 race riots, NEP has been continuously strengthened, meaning, ever increasing resources expended and preferences being imposed with greater assertiveness. Malaysia succeeded to some degree in reducing her earlier inequities and in the process created a sizeable Malay middle class. There was however, a steep price. Apart from the marketplace distortions and consequent drag on the economy, those earlier horizontal inequities are now replaced by the more destabilizing vertical variety. NEP also bred a rentier- economy mindset among Malays and other recipient communities. Those preferences now impair rather than enhance the recipients' (in particular Malay) competitiveness, the universal law of unintended consequences being operative. Initiated by Prime Minister Razak in 1970, his successor, Mahathir, raised NEP to a much more aggressive level, only to have that initiative today corrupted and degraded by, ironically, Tun Razak's son, current Prime Minister Najib. By July 2016, the US Department of Justice alleges that Malaysian Official 1 (aka Najib) illicitly siphoned over US\$3.5 Billion from a government-linked

corporation, 1MDB. Corruption on such a gargantuan scale was the predictable and inevitable consequence of Malaysia's New Economic Policy and state interventions in the marketplace. This book chronicles Mahathir's and Najib's perversion of a once noble endeavor. Najib now adds another volatile mix. Desperate to hang on to power, he adds religious fanaticism to his already corrosive corruption and destructive incompetence. He now cavorts with extremist Islamists, threatening and undermining the nation's still fragile race dynamics. Malaysia is today still burdened and blighted by Najib's inept, corrupt, and chauvinistic leadership, with no end in sight. This would inevitably undermine the current fragile but still peaceful racial equilibrium in the country. Instead of arbitrarily-picked numbers and targets, Malaysia should focus on strengthening Malay competitiveness through enhancing our human and social capitals. Modernizing the education system to emphasize the sciences, mathematics, English fluency, and technical training would address the first. Curtailing royal institutions and other vestiges of feudalism, as well as the regressive form of religion as propagated by the state, would develop the second. It is difficult to wean Malays off the special privilege narcotic when the sultans are frolicking at the top of the heap. Beyond chronicling the failures of both the Najib and Mahathir Administrations, the author offers these alternative strategies for enhancing Malay competitiveness. Apart from improving the quality of our human and social capital through modern education and responsive institutions, the author advocates removing or at least toning down the stifling influence of official religion.

A History of Malaysia Barbara Watson
Andaya, Leonard Y. Andaya, 2017-09-16 First
published in 1982, this text is widely regarded as

a leading general history of the country. This new and revised edition brings the story of this fascinating country up to date, incorporating the latest scholarship on every period of Malaysian history, including recent research into pre-modern times. This text thus provides a historical framework that helps explain the roots of the issues dominating Malaysian life today, and the difficulties of creating a multicultural state where resources are equitably shared and the rights of all citizens are acknowledged. This book is a key text for courses on Southeast Asian history and politics. Covering a range of disciplinary subjects in the humanities and social sciences, it is also useful for anyone interested in the assessment of young, modernizing nations.

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Moving Malaysia Forward M. Bakri Musa, 2008-12

Malaysian-born M. Bakri Musa, a California surgeon, is a columnist for Malaysiakini.com and a contributor to Malaysia-Today.net. His credits have appeared in the Far Eastern Economic Review, International Herald Tribune, and Education Quarterly. His commentary has also aired on National Public Radio's Marketplace. This second volume follows the pattern of the first, *Seeing Malaysia My Way*, and carries the writer's commentaries from 2004 to 2007, a look at Malaysia under the leadership of Prime Minister Abdullah Badawi. It is both reflective and prescriptive. Malaysia is generously blessed with many favorable

attributes. Properly harnessed they would propel Malaysians to be among the developed and prosperous. Instead, the nation is today mired in endless crises, its leadership hopelessly distracted, and citizens dangerously polarized. Malaysian institutions, once the envy of the region, are today irreparably damaged through the twin blights of corruption and incompetence. These essays are a critical look at the leadership of Abdullah Badawi, and his management of these crucial issues facing Malaysia. The writer does not spare Abdullah's many enablers in his cabinet, party, academia, and mainstream media and others who still insist that the country is on the right track. Bakri Musa offers his prescription on improving education, tackling corruption, and weaning off the subsidy mentality, adopting the best practices elsewhere and adapting them to the specific needs and problems of Malaysia. In highlighting the achievements of the past, the writer points to the potential the country is capable of achieving.

Race, Religion, And Royalty M Bakri

Musa, 2020-05-05 Race, religion, and royalty are the toxic triad of Malaysian identity politics; a combustible combination for a multiracial nation. No surprise that contemporary commentators focus on this. Less noticed but far more consequential is that race, religion, and royalty are also the barnacles encrusting on Malay society, impeding its progress and undermining the culture. There cannot be stability in Malaysia if Malays, her majority population, were to be fractured or left behind. This collection of the author's commentaries examines this second far more critical preposition, tracing the deterioration of Malaysia's race relations, the oppressive as well as pernicious rise of Islamism, and the increasing assertiveness of Malay Sultans. Ketuanan Melayu (Malay Hegemony), the rallying cry of the hitherto

ruling party, United Malay National Organization (UMNO), is a manifestation of this racism. It distracts Malays from facing their most daunting challenge - of being competitive and productive. This Ketuanan Melayu chauvinism poisons race relations. As for religion, Malays are increasingly preoccupied and obsessed with Islam. The faith is being exploited crudely but effectively by the other major Malay political party, Parti Al Islam Se-Malaysia (PAS). The Islamic cachet sells with Malays. Islam, the variation approved and propagated in Malaysia, exerts its most destructive influence in politics, economics, and education. Islamism is now deeply rooted in all institutions and the public sphere. Increasing Islamization has turned Malaysian national schools from being less educational institutions and more indoctrination centers. Non-Malays have long abandoned the system. Now they are being joined by an ever increasing number of Malays, to the chagrin of the Islamists and champions of Ketuanan Melayu. Perversely, Malaysian schools which once played a major role in integrating the young are today being exploited to be instruments to divide and segregate Malaysians. With royalty, Malaysia is cursed to be burdened by not one but nine hereditary Sultans, with each taking turns to be King for the whole Federation. At least his tenure is restricted to five years, the only monarch in the world with term limits! Then there are the four non-hereditary governors who are no less regal and expensive in their tastes and demands, all at taxpayers' expense. Instead of acting as a buffer and mediator of conflicts among Malaysians, especially Malays, these Sultans aggravate them through their sly engagement in the old tried and true triangulation scheming. Today the Sultans align themselves with the ulama against the nation's secular leaders. Earlier, the Sultans

were in cahoots with the politicians against the religious class to exploit business opportunities and to be able to frolic at their favorite casinos. These critical essays are descriptive as well as prescriptive. The writer advocates focusing on making Malays competitive through improving the schools and other educational institutions. Curtail if not remove the influence of Islamism, and emphasize English and STEM subjects. Reducing the oppressive role of Islam in the public sphere would also be a positive development; likewise with reining in the ruling class and the Sultans with respect to their corruption and rent-seeking activities. It is difficult to wean Malays of their special privileges crutch when Malay Sultans squat at the very top of the special privileges heap, and swagger with their most golden of crutches. Reining in that would be a good first step. Improving national schools by focusing on making young Malaysians fluently bilingual in Malay and English, as well as competent in science and mathematics would be another. The changes advocated here are small and incremental in nature to avoid being disruptive and destabilizing, but cumulatively they would be transformative and revolutionary.

An Education System Worthy of Malaysia Bakri Musa, 2003 Malaysia's highly centralized and tightly controlled system of education fails in educating and integrating the young. It is also ill suited for a plural society. Instead of the present rigid and uniform system, the writer calls for one that is flexible and diverse, but with a core of commonality. There should also be private sector participation to provide competition and spur innovation. Achieving this requires radically changing the ministry of education from one obsessed with strict top-down command, to a more democratized model with power and responsibilities

delegated to the periphery. The minister is less a drill sergeant barking out orders to his raw recruits but more of a symphony conductor coaxing the best out of his skilled musicians. The reforms suggested here will make Malaysians fluently bilingual in Malay and English, science literate, and mathematically competent, as well as foster a common Malaysian identity.

Chronicle of Malaysia Philip Mathews, 2014-02-28 This revised and updated edition of the Chronicle of Malaysia brings the full dramatic sweep of Malaysia's history up to date, taking the reader through the nation's first 50 years from the formation of Malaysia in 1963 all the way to 2013. It is packed with illustrated news stories covering hundreds of the nation's key social, political, cultural and sporting events. As a compendium of all aspects of Malaysian life, the book captures the mood of the day with a sense of vividness and immediacy. Concise, accessible articles—revised and rewritten to engage today's readers—are introduced by headlines and liberally illustrated with photographs and specially commissioned cartoons. The book is structured chronologically, with an average of eight pages devoted to each year beginning with a succinct summary of the year's key events. A host of themes are covered: not just the major political and economic events but also the human side of the Malaysian experience—sports, fashion, music, the arts, architecture, lifestyle, disasters, crime and the social scene. These combine to give readers the feel of each era of Malaysia's past and enables them to draw parallels with the present.

Tribal Communities in the Malay World Geoffrey Benjamin, Cynthia Chou, 2002-08-26 Explores the ways in which the character of tribal societies relate to the Malay kingdoms that have held power in the region for many centuries past, as well as to the

modern nation-states of the region. It brings together researchers committed to comparative analysis of the tribal groups living on either side of the Malacca Straits.

The Plundering Of Malaysia M Bakri

Musa, 2020-05-16 On July 2016, the US Department of Justice filed the largest single action ever brought under the Kleptocracy Asset Recovery Initiative. From 2009 through 2015, DOJ alleged that more than US\$3.5 billion belonging to One Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB), a Malaysian government-linked company, were misappropriated. The central culprit was Malaysian Official 1, today identified as then Prime Minister Najib Razak. These commentaries trace the degeneration of an inherently corrupt Najib Razak, as well as the failure of Malaysian institutions at all levels and those entrusted with running them. Najib was exposed only when the coalition he led was defeated in the May 2018 Malaysian General Elections. Malaysia is still reverberating from the consequent humongous financial and other liabilities. Worse, 1MDB is not the only mess; there are other potential 1MDB-like scandals awaiting exposure. Today Najib, his wife, ministers, and top officials face several serious criminal charges in Malaysia. Najib is not terribly bright and could not have executed this massive heist on his own. He had many enablers who not only paved his rapid political ascent but ignored his many obvious dark traits and blatant corrupt acts. His flawed character and dark tendencies were obvious much early on but Malaysians refused to recognize them in deference to his pedigree, being the son of the country's much revered second Prime Minister, Tun Razak. Najib's many enablers in turn owed their rise through his father. Their enabling and paving the way for Najib was but an expression of that old Malay cultural tradition of *terhutang budi*

(repaying an old debt).The most consequential enabler was Mahathir Mohamad, Prime Minister from 1980 to 2003. Najib was Mahathir's political heir.Najib learned his corrupt ways only too well from his mentor, and brought them to a new obscene high, or egregious low. The only difference between Najib's and Mahathir's misdeeds is that Najib lost the election and thus his evil ways were exposed. Mahathir won elections and his crimes remained hidden. Quantitatively and qualitatively their evil deeds and characters are in the same league.It may seem perverse that despite facing multiple criminal charges, each of which could put him behind bars for the rest of his life, Najib is still being held in high esteem among a good segment of Malaysians, especially Malays. They refer to him with unabashed adoration as Malu Apa, Bossku! (My boss! What's there to be ashamed of?)As these essays make clear, there is a reason for that perversity. To a significant segment of Malays, Najib's path to the top had the imprimatur of not only Mahathir but also the Sultans and Agung. The Sultan of Pahang for example was an unabashed admirer. As those criminal charges have revealed, the loot from 1MDB may have flowed towards the various palaces and other elite.The religious sector too was not spared. With the loot of 1MDB being used to sponsor free Hajj trips, no wonder the religious establishment deemed Najib's greed and perfidy as other than that. Quite the contrary. Seeing that the funds were routed through Middle Eastern entities, that money was seen as God's bounty. To Muslim Malays, anything emanating from the land of the Prophet is holy and blessed. Even the flies in Mecca are considered halal!Najib inherits many of his father's darker side, as with his penchant to mislead. His late father Tun Razak concealed his fatal illness from everyone, even his family. As for Razak's hypocrisy, he exhorted the masses to

send their children to Malay schools while he sent his to England. These odious traits find full and ugly expression in the son, Najib. These essays also cover the general failures of local institutions, and the pivotal judgments of Malaysian voters as expressed in the 2018 General Elections.

Politics in Malaysia Edmund Terence Gomez, 2007-04-11 Examining some of the most critical issues in Malaysian politics today, including human rights, law and democracy, gender and Islam, this book explores the contours of the contemporary landscape of Malaysian politics, focusing especially on politics among the majority ethnic Malay community. In particular, the book explains why changes in patterns of political mobilization and the rhetoric of the dominant parties - particularly the PAS and UMNO - have been so limited, despite the overt and growing dissatisfaction shown by Malaysians with the state of their political system and the ability of these parties to represent their interests. It considers the recent history of events and discourses within Malaysian society, and UMNO and PAS, and goes on to analyze why important transitions have occurred in society yet political parties have not adapted themselves to these changes and remained reticent about instituting meaningful reforms involving these matters.

The Rot In Malaysian Education M Bakri Musa, 2020-05-26 These essays document the continued decline of Malaysian education at all levels. This has been going on for decades. This collection updates the author's earlier book, *An Education System Worthy Of Malaysia* (2003). Despite successive Administrations professing to transform the system, the rot continues. The challenges today are as monumental as they are obvious. The remedies offered by the Government are nothing but repeated assurances and earnest

statements, coupled with endless expensive Blueprints and White Papers. The greatest indictment of the system is that Malays are abandoning the national stream. The rich opt for international schools; the poor, Chinese schools, much to the embarrassment of Malay nationalists. The former, which offers other than the Malaysian curriculum and pedagogy, are mushrooming. Malaysian high school students perform poorly in comparative international assessments like TIMMS and PISA. No surprise that Malaysians are now a rare species on elite campuses. Employers shun local graduates, and the teaching profession no longer attracts the best. The Ministry of Education, the largest in terms of budget and personnel, is blighted by inept management and bloated bureaucracy intent on pursuing narrow nationalistic and Islamist agendas. Each successive Minister is consumed with exploiting the prestige of the office to further his political agenda. Even when the rare, enlightened policies were instituted, as with opening up higher education to the private sector in the mid 1990s by then Education Minister Najib Razak, the process was exploited to become lucrative conduits for corruption. Najib granted nearly 600 permits in a space of about two years! More than half of those new institutions went out of business within a few years, stranding their students and crushing their dreams, quite apart from literally robbing them and their parents. The 2018 elections saw a new government with a Minister of Education who for the first time was not from the dominant United Malay National Organization (UMNO) party. An Islamic Studies graduate, his first order of business was to change the color of school children's shoes from white to black! The only saving grace was that he was canned just over a year later. In January 2020, the Ministry was back under Prime Minister Mahathir. By February 2020,

his government too was out, and with that, the Ministry was split into two, one for K-11 and another for Higher Education. As an unnecessary reminder, it was Mahathir, as Minister of Education back in the 1970s, who started the decline. Today Malaysian education has been taken over by the language nationalists and jihadist Islamists with their sole agenda of making not only education but the whole of Malaysia Malay and Islamic. The nationalists add their chauvinistic and very un-Islamic Ketuanan Melayu (Malay hegemony) aspirations to the mix. As a result, the school curriculum is heavy on ritualistic religion and strident nationalism, with indoctrination masquerading as education. This glaring disconnect between the Ministry's agenda and reality is obvious to all but those bureaucrats and policymakers. While Malaysia is in desperate need of teachers of English, not one of her public universities have a Department of English. Meanwhile four core subjects of Malay, English, science, and mathematics are neglected. Recognizing the establishment's inertia as well as incompetence, the writer advocates liberalizing the system at all levels by opening it up to the private sector via the voucher system a la Chile, and encouraging charter schools as per America. Provide parents and students with choice, and reward those schools that succeed in preparing their students for the modern interconnected world, as well as being the pivotal instrument for integrating young Malaysians.

The Success-Story of Malaysia

Sarah Stolle, 2006-09-06 Seminar paper from the year 2006 in the subject Economics - Case Scenarios, grade: 1,5 Germany, 4 Finland, University of Tampere, course: South-East Asia as a Business Area, language: English, abstract: Malaysia has been a trade centre for centuries. In the premodern history traded goods were in particular spices,

tin and rubber. But the long-term colonial rule and the occupation of the Japanese in World War II didn't let the economy rise. On the contrary the economy was in a disastrous situation. But Today Malaysia can be regarded as one of the most successful asian countries which achieved a really effective transition into a modern economy. The most important reason for this change were the consequent policies of the Malaysian government since the 1970s. It was able to integrate the ethnic outsider, the Malay, into the society and economy. Through its development programs it was possible to get rid of the high poverty rate, to built up much more equality in the society and create a well working economy with annual growth rates. Malaysia became a export nation which traded in the last decades mostly textile or rubber products. But in newer days Malaysia also has got a high share of exports in the electronic and high tech branche. Government policy has generally accorded a central role to foreign capital, while at the same time working towards more substantial participation for domestic, especially bumiputera, capital and enterprise. The current plan "Vision 2020" aims to reach a fully developed industrialized economy in 2020. The first point in the essay is a short background information about the country Malaysia. I continue with the economic history from the premodern history up to the era after the Second World War. The third chapter dicusses the policies of the government; the policies of the transition as well as the contemporary policies. Finally the essay points out the present economic system and why it is so successful.

Titik tolak Roslinda Rahmat, Said Mahadi Said Iziddin, Ummu Rabbisyfina Abdul Hamid, 2019

Malaysia Today , 1997

Moving Forward: Malays for the 21st Century Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad, 2019-05-15 A new edition of Moving

Forward, which was first published a decade ago, in which Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad had presented a discourse on Malays in Malaysia and argued that the Malays had to move forward to survive and succeed in facing the new challenges of the 21st century. At the time, Nik Nazmi was (and still is) pushing for a more progressive paradigm where Malaysians are at ease with its diversity. The message of Moving Forward, then and now, remains: the Malays need to embrace democracy, progressive politics and diversity. This is the right thing to do as well as the only way to ensure the survival of the race, religion and country. In light of the recent political developments in Malaysia, Moving Forward is just as relevant today as it was in 2009. The text is largely the same as it was when first published. This new edition includes a new Introduction and a new Postscript to reflect on the book in light of the progress that Malaysians have achieved and the new challenges that they face today.

Malaysian Batik Noor Azlina Yunus, 2012-07-03
Malaysian Batik: Reinventing a Tradition, traces the history of batik, the materials, methods and motifs of the block-stamped and hand drawn methods, and the ways in which Malaysian batik has been transformed into a craft with international appeal. Batik is more than wax and dye applied to a length of cloth. It is an art form practiced by people around Asia. With its bolder, abstract designs and its brighter palette, Malaysian batik is a distinctly different type of batik that has brought an exciting new dimension to this ancient method of fabric art. Historically seen as a craft, batik making in Malaysia today has segued into more of an art form, both in its creation and its uses. Historically, batik fabric was fashioned into sarongs to be worn by people across all walks of life. More often now batik fabrics are used for lifestyle products, as art pieces and, above all,

for contemporary high fashion. The pieces that are created display an originality of composition and design, an effective use of color, a high level of technical expertise and a flair for working in the medium that are the hallmarks of great works of art. Many of the recent advances in Malaysian batik are due to the initiatives of the Yayasan Budi Penyayang, which has revitalized the Malaysian batik industry by adapting it to suit fashion needs and utilized the Asian fashion industry to promote and display its beauty.

The Malay Handloom Weavers Maznah Mohamad, 1996

Malay society of the past has usually been characterized by the presence of the peasantry, a pre-modern class of producers, tied to the land and beholden to a feudalistic or feudal-like ruling structure. In contrast, this book explores the diversity which in fact colours the economic history of the Malays. The subject of this book is a relatively unknown class of people, the handloom weavers, who played a decisive role in the economies of the eastern Malay states of Terengganu, Kelantan, and Pahang. Today, the products of these handloom weavers, the beautiful hand-woven sarongs and cloths, grace the most elegant and auspicious of occasions. What is the story behind the vicissitudes, often brutal, of textile production in the early or proto-industrial phases of the Malay economy? Why was the handloom industry, at its height, halted from realizing its full potential of trans-forming into a full-fledged industrial manufacture? What exactly is the putting-out system of production and how did men and women actualize their roles in such production regimes? Why did the putting-out system endure? In answering such questions this book explores the origins of the Malay handloom industry, its technology, its people, and its turbulent relationship with the ambitions of both the colonial and modern nation-states.

Malaysia in the Era of Globalization Mohammad Bakri Musa, 2002 Bakri Musa makes a persuasive argument for Malaysia to embrace globalization with conviction. It is the ticket to her Vision 2020 aspirations. Malaysia was well on her way to join the global mainstream when the 1997 economic crisis interrupted that trajectory. It is now time, the writer passionately pleads, to return to that path. Yes there are sandbars and reefs, together with the inevitable storms and swells in the ocean of globalization. This calls for skillful navigators and sailors ready to trim the sails and batten the hatches. The alternative would be to remain in port, not an attractive option. The writer offers specific prescriptions on how best to meet those challenges, from enhanced health care to superior education system, and by exposing Malaysians to greater competition. As Islam is a pervasive influence in Malaysia, the writer calls for an enlightened interpretation of the faith, one more in tune with its ideals of tolerance for diversity, reverence for learning, and a passion for trade. The writer draws lessons from as far away as Argentina and as far back as the ancient Muslims, and from sociology to biology. The perspectives offered here are refreshing departures from the wisdom currently emanating from Kuala Lumpur.

Routledge Handbook of Contemporary Malaysia Meredith L. Weiss, 2014-10-17 The Routledge Handbook of Contemporary Malaysia offers a broad, analytical survey of Malaysia. It provides a comprehensive survey of significant topics in Malaysian politics, economy, and society today, focussing on issues, institutions, and trends. It is divided into four thematic sections, which are all introduced by the editor:

- Domestic politics
- Economics
- Social policy and social development
- International relations and security.

The volume brings together an international team of experts:

an interdisciplinary mix of forty contributors from Malaysia and elsewhere, including many of the leading specialists on Malaysian affairs. The chapters included in the volume form an accessible and fascinating window onto contemporary Malaysia. They each introduce a different aspect of the Malaysian polity, economy, or society, offering both historical perspective and a current assessment or investigation. Designed for general readers and specialists alike, chapters may be read individually -- each stands on its own -- or conjointly. Up-to-date, interdisciplinary, and academically rigorous, the Handbook will be of interest to students, academics, policymakers, and others in search of reliable information on Malaysian politics, economics, and society.

Malaysia Human Rights Report 2016

SUARAM, 2017-06-07 SUARAM's Annual Human Rights Report on Malaysia is widely recognized as the most objective, comprehensive and dependable source of information on the state of human rights in Malaysia. It documents the human rights violations as well as the struggles of human rights defenders that take place in Malaysia during the year. As a beleaguered government tried to deflect international criticisms of the 1MDB scandal throughout 2016, human rights violations have continued. Detention without trial remained an area of concern while police shootings saw an alarming increase. Freedom of expression was seriously constrained while the freedom of assembly has been usurped by neo-fascist groups with state connivance. The freedom of movement of some Malaysians has been taken away on federal and state government orders while the freedom of religion was under threat by a private member's bill on hudud in parliament. Meanwhile, free and fair elections are seriously threatened by an on-going re-delineation exercise that reeks of gerrymandering and malapportionment. The LGBTIQ

community remain under siege and harassment by state religious authorities, the indigenous peoples still suffer infringement of their native customary lands by state-sanctioned loggers while refugees and asylum seekers still live under threat of harassment by enforcement agencies.

Malaysian Politics in the New Media Age Pauline Pooi Yin Leong, 2019-08-21 This book provides a comprehensive overview of the impact of the Internet on Malaysian politics and how it has played a pivotal role in influencing the country's political climate. It lays out the background of Malaysia's political history and media environment, and addresses the ramifications of media-isation for the political process, including political public relations, advertising and online campaigns. The book examines the Internet's transformative role and effect on Malaysian democracy, as well as its consequences for political actors and the citizenry, such as the development of cyber-warfare, and the rise of propaganda or "fake" news in the online domain. It also investigates the interplay between traditional and new media with regard to the evolution of politics in Malaysia, especially as a watchdog on accountability and transparency, and contributes to the current discourse on the climate of Malaysian politics following the rise of new media in the country. This book is particularly timely in the wake of the 2018 Malaysian general election, and will be of interest to students and researchers in communications, politics, new media and cultural studies.

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