

H2 History (Paper 2)

Theme 3: Regional Conflicts and Cooperation

Issue	ASEAN	Thailand	Malaysia	Indonesia	Singapore	Philippines	Vietnam	Myanmar
	Interests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confidence building Fear of communism Early economic competition 	Interests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fear of communism Ties to US Proximity to Vietnam Punishment of Vietnam Economic cooperation with Vietnam 	Interests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fear of communism Focus on non-interference Distance from Vietnam Fear of China 	Interests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fear of communism Focus on non-interference Fear of China Ambition of regional leadership Distance from Vietnam Economic cooperation with Vietnam 	Interests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fear of communism Fear of larger neighbours Ties to US Economic lead 	Interests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fear of communism Ties to US Direct involvement in South China Sea <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scarborough Shoal Mischief Reef 	Interests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objection to UN supervision Doi Moi Economic strains of war Direct involvement in South China Sea <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paracels Spratlys 	
Formation of ASEAN	Reasons for formation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fear of communism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vietnam War Chinese Cultural Revolution British withdrawal 	Reasons for formation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Domestic communist threats <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CPT insurgency Proximity to BCT rise Proximity to Vietnam 	Reasons for formation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Domestic communist threats <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MCP insurgency 	Reasons for formation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suharto's moderate foreign policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of Konfrontasi Sought to express Indonesian leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indonesia Raya Sought to facilitate regional self-reliance Domestic communist threats <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gestapu Coup 	Reasons for formation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Domestic communist threats <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proximity to MCP insurgency Sought to constrain its larger neighbours 	Reasons for formation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marcos' moderate foreign policy Sought to focus on economic development 		
"Slow Years"	Reasons for sluggishness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need for trust-building Limited institutional structures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Separate secretariats Lack of staff AMMs of FMs 		Reasons for sluggishness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispute with the Philippines over Sabah Dispute with Singapore over Macdonald House 		Reasons for sluggishness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispute with Malaysia over Macdonald House 	Reasons for sluggishness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispute with Malaysia over Sabah 		
Pre-AFTA	Reasons for unwillingness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursuit of ISI Competitive rather than complementary industries 				Reason for enthusiasm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early pursuit of EOI 			
ZOPFAN	Reasons for ZOPFAN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fear of communism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tet Offensive Nixon Doctrine PRC entry into the UN British withdrawal complete 	Reasons for hesitancy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ties with US 	Reasons for ZOPFAN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus on regional autonomy 	Reasons for ZOPFAN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus on regional autonomy 	Reasons for hesitancy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ties with US Concern about larger neighbours 	Reasons for hesitancy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ties with US 		
1976 Bali Summit	Reasons for Bali Summit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fear of communism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cambodia Vietnam 							

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Laos• Uncertainty in China• Need for solidarity with Thailand							
Vietnam	Reasons for condemnation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fear of communism• Violation of sovereignty	Reasons for condemnation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proximity to Cambodia Reasons for objection to 5+2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Refusal to recognise Vietnam Reasons for objection to Proximity Talks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Refusal to frame conflict as a civil war Breaking stance <ul style="list-style-type: none">• "Battlefields to marketplaces"	Reasons for hesitancy <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Focus on regional autonomy<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Chinese invasion of Vietnam• Distance from Vietnam• 75,000 refugees Breaking stance <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kuantan Declaration	Reasons for hesitancy <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Focus on regional autonomy<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Chinese invasion of Vietnam• Distance from Vietnam• Affinity with Vietnamese fight for independence Breaking stance <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kuantan Declaration• "Meet Vietnam halfway"• Murdani's visit to Hanoi• Suharto's visit to Hanoi	Reasons for condemnation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Violation of sovereignty	Reasons for condemnation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Violation of sovereignty	Reasons for invasion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Historical sense of superiority<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Loincloths◦ French use of Hanoi• Historical expansionism into Kampuchea• Kampuchea's instability• Sino-Soviet split Reasons for objection to Proximity Talks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Objection to UN supervision Reasons for withdrawal <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Doi Moi and economic focus• End of the Cold War	
ARF	Reasons for ARF <ul style="list-style-type: none">• US withdrawal• End of Cold War• Formation of APEC							
South China Sea	Reasons for condemnation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Violation of sovereignty		Reasons for condemnation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Focus on regional autonomy	Reasons for condemnation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Focus on regional autonomy		Reasons for agitation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Direct involvement in South China Sea<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Scarborough Shoal◦ Mischief Reef	Reasons for agitation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Direct involvement in South China Sea<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Paracels◦ Spratlys	
AFTA	Reasons for AFTA <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pursuit of EOI• Increased liberalisation<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Uruguay Round◦ GATT becomes WTO• New trade blocs<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ EU◦ NAFTA◦ Southern Common Market• APEC• AFC Strengths <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intra-ASEAN trade doubled from 2003 to 2008 Limitations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1995 Indonesia removal of	Reasons for AFTA <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Greater pursuit of EOI	Reasons for AFTA <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Greater pursuit of EOI		Reasons for AFTA <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Greater pursuit of EOI			

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	goods from CEPT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25% intra-ASEAN trade even by 2005 							
Haze action	Reasons for haze action <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1997 haze Economic costs 			Reasons for hesitancy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cronyism Need to clear land for transmigration 				
New entries	Reasons for entries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Membership could be an incentive for reform / means for stability End of the Kampuchean war Markets for products Card against China Impacts of entries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bending of non-interference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1997 mediation in Cambodia 1997 Malaysia FM's advice 1998 Malaysia's FM visit "Flexible engagement" "Enhanced interaction" China's influence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cambodia and the South China Sea "Two-tiered ASEAN" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Longer AFTA runway for ASEAN-4 Opposition from allies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1998 Second Asia-Europe Meeting 						Reasons for entry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consensual nature of ASEAN Way Doi Moi End of Cold War 	Reasons for entry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> US and EU sanctions SLORC sought to rehabilitate its international reputation

TIMELINE

Year	Context	ASEAN	ASEAN Political	ASEAN Economic	ASEAN Other
1954	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fall of France in Indochina 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 Sept: Formation of SEATO 			
1955					
1956					
1957	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of Malayan Emergency 				

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1958					
1959					
1960	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sino-Soviet split 				
1961	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Late: Malaysia proposed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 31 July: Formation of ASA 			
1962	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 Sept: Philippines claims Sabah 8-17 Dec: Brunei Revolt 				
1963	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 Apr: Konfrontasi 31 July: Manila Accord Sept: Phil.-M'sia sever ties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 31 July: Formation of Maphilindo Sept: Dissolution of Maphilindo 			
1964	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Aug: Vietnam War 				
1965	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 Aug: S'pore-M'sia separation Sept: Gestapu Coup Suharto comes to power Marcos comes to power 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sept: Khoman and Mendez discuss reviving the ASA Dec: Nasution looks forward to Maphilindo 			
1966	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 June: Phil.-M'sia restore ties 11 Aug: End of Konfrontasi Mao's Cultural Revolution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mar: Revival of ASA Dec: Draft Joint Declaration Dec: Revision of security clauses 			
1967		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thanat and Malik court M'sia, Burma and Cambodia 8 Aug: Bangkok Declaration 			
1968	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan: Tet Offensive Mar: Jabidah Massacre 18 Sept: Republic Act 5446 15 Oct: Ramos' speech at the UN Oct: Singapore hangs Macdonald House bombers 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan: Tun Ismail proposes ZOPFAN Aug: 2nd ASEAN Ministerial Meeting calls for a cooling-off period 		
1969	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 Nov: Nixon Doctrine 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dec: ASEAN FMs convene on the sidelines of a UN meeting to deal with the Sabah issue 		
1970					

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1971	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PRC replaces ROC at the UN • Britain completes its military withdrawal • 16 Apr: Five Power Defence Arrangements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27 Nov: ZOPFAN Declaration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27 Nov: ZOPFAN Declaration 		
1972		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July: Meeting in Manila on Vietnam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July: Meeting in Manila on Vietnam 		
1973	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan: Paris Peace Accords 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feb: Meeting in KL on Vietnam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feb: Meeting in KL on Vietnam 		
1974	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • China occupies the Paracels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security meeting on Vietnam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security meeting on Vietnam 		
1975	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vietnam's capture of Southwest Cay from the Philippines • Fall of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia to communism • Indochinese Refugee Crisis 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nov: First AEM meeting 	
1976	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sept: Death of Mao 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23-24 Feb: Bali Summit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ TAC ◦ DAC ◦ Joint Communique 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mar: Second AEM meeting 	
1977		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KL Summit • ASEAN Dialogue Partners 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASEAN Preferential Trading Agreement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASEAN Sub-Regional Environmental Programme
1978	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 Dec: Vietnam invades Kampuchea 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASEAN-EU Ministerial Meeting 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First meeting of ASEAN Experts Group in the Environment
1979	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 Jan: Phnom Penh falls • Feb-Mar: China invades Vietnam 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 Nov: Resolution at UNGA on Kampuchea 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASEAN FMs harden position on refugees
1980			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26-28 Mar: Kuantan Declaration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Agreement on ASEAN Industrial Projects 	
1981			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13-17 July: International Conference on Kampuchea 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASEAN Industrial Complementation Agreement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manila Declaration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Defines objective of protecting sustainability and the environment
1982			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea is formed 		

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1983		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan: Brunei joins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mar: 5+2 Proposal Sept: ASEAN Appeal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASEAN Industrial Joint Ventures Agreement 	
1984	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry Season Offensive 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb: Indonesian FM says ASEAN will meet Vietnam halfway Mar: Murdani visits Hanoi 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bangkok Declaration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lists ASEAN Nature Reserves New guidelines
1985			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb: ASEAN appeals to USSR to cut aid and urges international support for Kampuchea May: Proximity Talks Proposal 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreement on the Conservation of Nature
1986	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vietnam pursues Doi Moi 18 Nov: Chaim Herzog visit 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thailand withdraws from AIP 	
1987		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manila Summit 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calls for rollback of non-tariff barriers Singapore withdraws from AIP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASEAN articulates common stance: temporary but not permanent aid to refugees
1988	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mar: Johnson South Reef Skirmish 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25-28 July: JIM I Nov: "Battlefields to marketplaces" 		
1989	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jul: First Paris Conference End of the Cold War Creation of APEC 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 19-21 Feb: JIM II 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creation of 6 working groups
1990			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov: Suharto visits Vietnam and proposes economic cooperation Indonesia hosts the first of a series of workshops on preventing conflict in the South China Sea 		
1991	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct: Paris Peace Accords Dec: Collapse of USSR Creation of Mercosur 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AJVV courts Nestle 	
1992	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure of US military bases in the Philippines China lands troops on Da Bau Dau Reef China claims the Paracels and Spratlys Completion of the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Singapore Summit Sec-Gen gained minister status 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Declaration on the South China Sea 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AFTA, by 2008 	

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	Uruguay Round <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GATT reorganised into WTO Agreement to create the EEA and the European Single Market 				
1993			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July: ARF announced 		
1994	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creation of NAFTA 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July: ARF launched 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apr: Strategic Plan of Action on the Environment
1995	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan: Chinese structures on Mischief Reef July: Release of Aung San Suu Kyi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bangkok Summit July: Vietnam joins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan: ASEAN Ministerial statement on Mischief Reef May: China excludes Mischief Reef from ARF agenda Dec: SEANWFZ Treaty End: Beijing agrees to Sino-ASEAN multilateral consultations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASEAN Framework on Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June: Cooperation Plan on Transboundary Pollution
1996				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASEAN Industrial Cooperation Scheme 	
1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apr: Philippines claims Scarborough Shoal July: Hun Sen's violent usurpation of his rival Prince Ranariddh July: Asian Financial Crisis July-Oct: Haze outbreak 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July: Myanmar and Laos join ASEAN Vision 2020 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASEAN mediates in Cambodia Malaysian FM advises Myanmar to dialogue with opposition 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dec: Regional Haze Action Plan
1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Philippines arrests 20 Chinese fishermen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hanoi Summit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mar: Malaysian FM meets with Aung San Suu Kyi June: Surin's "flexible engagement" proposal July: "Enhanced interaction" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASEAN Investment Area Acceleration of AFTA to 2002 	
1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan: New Chinese structures sighted on Mischief Reef 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apr: Cambodia joins ASEAN+3 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASEAN Surveillance Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASTSU ASCU ASEAN Finance Work Programme 	
2000				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chiang Mai Initiative 	
2001		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bandar Seri Begawan 			

Year	Context	ASEAN	ASEAN Political	ASEAN Economic	ASEAN Other
		Summit			
2002			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution
2003			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June: Called for Aung San Suu Kyi's release 		

SINGAPORE-MALAYSIA

Issue	Singapore	Malaysia
	Interests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need for water Racial equality 	Interests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Malay Malaysia" Stoking nationalist fervour before elections Non-relation with Israel Discontentment over water prices Mahathir's hawkish foreign policy
Separation	Responsibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1964: PAP contesting in 1964 federal elections 1965: Formation of Malaysian Solidarity Convention 1965: Toh Chin Chye admitted that PAP has ambitions to "capture political power at the centre" 	Responsibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1963: Alliance competing in Singapore's elections 1964: UMNO Sec-Gen stirring the race riots PM Tunku Abdul Rahman: "Young men want to rush things" DPM Tun Abdul Razak Hussein: "If the people want to maintain this relationship with us, they must find another leader who is sincere"
Pedra Branca	Responsibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2019: Addition of Pedra Branca to East Coast GRC 	Responsibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1851-: Singaporean administration of Horsburgh Lighthouse 1953: Johor disclaiming Pedra Branca 1979: Malaysia's map 2017: Najib's appeal to the ICJ Repeated use of Pedra Branca to win support domestically
Chaim Herzog	Responsibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1986: Singapore's decision to host Chaim Herzog, right after Mahathir made an anti-Zionist speech 	Responsibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recalling high commissioner from Singapore
CIQ		Responsibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1997: Reneging on POA

Issue	Singapore	Malaysia
Water		Responsibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waiving right to review price under the 1961 and 1962 Water Agreements Guarantee of Water Agreements under Singapore's separation agreement at the UN
Miscellaneous	Responsibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1990: Singapore's offer of military facilities to the US 1996: Lee's remark on meritocracy 1997: Lee's remark on Johor's crime rate 1998: Lee's unflattering comments in his memoir 	Responsibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1991: Operation Malindo Darsasa 3AB 1998: Revoking permission for RSAF aircraft to use Johor airspace 1998: Refusal to participate in an FPDA exercise

Timeline

Date	Event	Part of
1824	Anglo-Dutch Treaty	Pedra Branca
1851	Construction of Horsburgh Lighthouse	Pedra Branca
1953	Johor state government disclaims Pedra Branca	Pedra Branca
1961	1961 Water Agreement	Water
1962	1962 Water Agreement	Water
21 Sept 1963	Alliance contests 1963 Singapore Elections	Separation
25 Apr 1964	PAP contests 1964 Malaysia Federal Elections	Separation
21 July-3 Sept 1964	1964 Race Riots	Separation
9 May 1965	Formation of the Malaysian Solidarity Convention (MSC)	Separation
9 Aug 1965	Separation	Separation
17 Oct 1968	Hanging of Indonesian marines for MacDonald House	—
31 May-6 June 1969	1969 Race Riots	—
16 Apr 1971	Five Power Defence Arrangements	—
21 Dec 1979	Malaysia includes Pedra Branca in its map	Pedra Branca
Feb 1980	Singapore's response to Malaysia's map	Pedra Branca
18 Nov 1986	Protests over Chaim Herzog's visit to Singapore	Chaim Herzog
Feb 1987	Suharto's visit to Malaysia and Singapore	Chaim Herzog

1988	Memorandum of Understanding	Water
1990	Singapore's offer of military facilities to the US	—
27 Nov 1990	Points of Agreement	CIQ
9 Aug 1991	Operation Malindo Darsasa 3AB	—
1992	Malaysian reports of fishing vessels harassed near Pedra Branca	Pedra Branca
Sept 1994	Malaysia's agreement to refer Pedra Branca to the ICJ	Pedra Branca
June 1995	Failure of talks on Pedra Branca's ICJ submission	Pedra Branca
June 1996	Lee's comments on meritocracy	—
Mar 1997	Lee's remark on Johor's crime rate	—
June 1997	Malaysia's reneging on the POA	CIQ
1998	Singapore's attachment of AFC aid to water supply	Water
Sept 1998	Malaysia's revocation of permission for RSAF aircraft to use Johor airspace	—
7 Oct 1998	Lee's comments in <i>The Singapore Story</i>	—
Oct 1998	Malaysia's refusal to participate in an FPDA exercise	—
Dec 1998	Agreement to discuss outstanding bilateral issues as a package	—
2001	Failure of water talks	Water
2002	Singapore's decision not to renew the 1961 Water Agreement	Water
25 Jan 2003	Jayakumar lashes out on water, releasing the full text of the Water Agreements and confidential correspondences	Water
6 Feb 2003	Special Agreement on Pedra Branca	Pedra Branca
23 May 2008	ICJ judgement on Pedra Branca	Pedra Branca
2010	Malaysia's agreement to move the CIQ	CIQ
Feb 2017	Najib's appeal to the ICJ on Pedra Branca	Pedra Branca
July 2018	Mahathir calls the price of water 'ridiculous'	Water
2018	Mahathir's withdrawal of Najib's appeal	Pedra Branca
2019	Addition of Pedra Branca to East Coast GRC	Pedra Branca

INDONESIA-MALAYSIA

Issue	Indonesia	Malaysia
	Interests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sense of superiority / Indonesia Raya <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Largest population in SEA ◦ Revolutionary heritage against the Dutch • Sukarno's communist alignment • Sukarno's hawkish foreign policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Hawkishness rewarded in West Irian • Sukarno's need to distract from economic mismanagement • Suharto's anti-communist alignment • Suharto's need to rehabilitate Indonesia's image • Suharto's need to cut military spending 	Interests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tunku Abdul Rahman's anti-communist alignment • Territorial sovereignty
Konfrontasi	Responsibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior declaration of 'no objections' • Intelligence support for Azahari • Initiation of violence • Ignoring the UN findings Reasons for starting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sense of superiority / Indonesia Raya <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Largest population in SEA ◦ Revolutionary heritage against the Dutch • Sukarno's communist alignment • Sukarno's hawkish foreign policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Hawkishness rewarded in West Irian • Sukarno's need to distract from economic mismanagement Reasons for ending <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suharto's anti-communist alignment • Suharto's need to rehabilitate Indonesia's image • Suharto's need to cut military spending 	Responsibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brunei Revolt, demonstrating the lack of universal support for merger • Premature declaration of presumed Malaysian independence, even before the UN report was published
Sipadan-Ligitan	Responsibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1993: Military patrols and landings • 1995: Naval patrols 	Responsibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1979: Map • 1991: Construction of tourist facilities • 1993: Former General's comment on "force" • 1994: Malaysia's DM visited Sipadan

Issue	Indonesia	Malaysia
Aceh		Responsibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1977: GAM leaders fled to Malaysia • 1991: Acceptance of 112 Acehnese asylum seekers

Timeline

Date	Event	Part of
Nov 1961	Subriando repeatedly declares 'no objections' to Malaysia	Konfrontasi
1962	Resolution of the West Irian dispute	Konfrontasi
8-17 Dec 1962	Brunei Revolt	Konfrontasi
Jan 1963	Subriando declares policy of Konfrontasi	Konfrontasi
12 Apr 1963	Start of Indonesian raids	Konfrontasi
9 July 1963	Tunku Abdul Rahman signs the London Agreement	Konfrontasi
31 July 1963	Manila Accord	Konfrontasi
14 Sept 1963	Publication of UN Mission Report	Konfrontasi
16 Sept 1963	Formation of Malaysia	Konfrontasi
Jan 1965	Indonesia's boycott of the UN	Konfrontasi
11 Aug 1966	End of Konfrontasi	Konfrontasi
1969	Indonesia claims Sipadan and Ligitan	Sipadan and Ligitan
1977	GAM leaders flee to Indonesia	Aceh
21 Dec 1979	Malaysia includes Sipadan and Ligitan in its map	Sipadan and Ligitan
Mar 1980	Indonesia's response to Malaysia's map	Sipadan and Ligitan
1982	Indonesia patrolled Sipadan and Ligitan in response to "foreign troops"	Sipadan and Ligitan
1989	Mahathir and Suharto "resolved" to settle the dispute	Sipadan and Ligitan
1991	Malaysia's acceptance of 112 Acehnese asylum seekers	Aceh
1991	Discovery of Malaysia's tourist facilities on Sipadan	Sipadan and Ligitan
1993	Former Malaysian General declared that "force" was the only solution	Sipadan and Ligitan
1993	Indonesia's military patrols and landings on Sipadan and	Sipadan and Ligitan

	Ligitan	
1994	Malaysia's DM visited Sipadan	Sipadan and Ligitan
1995	Indonesia's continued military patrols around Sipadan and Ligitan	Sipadan and Ligitan
Dec 1995	Malaysia warns of "greater military challenges"	Sipadan and Ligitan
1996	Agreement to refer Sipadan and Ligitan to the ICJ	Sipadan and Ligitan
2002	ICJ judgement on Sipadan and Ligitan	Sipadan and Ligitan

PHILIPPINES-MALAYSIA

Issue	Philippines	Malaysia
	Interests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Macapagal's desire to raise the country's international profile Sultan of Sulu's conditional ceding of rights to the Philippines 	Interests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Territorial sovereignty
Sabah	Responsibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jabidah Massacre Republic Act 5446 Ramos' UN speech Rejection of UN mission report Reasons for starting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Macapagal's desire to raise the country's international profile Sultan of Sulu's conditional ceding of rights to the Philippines 	Responsibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Premature declaration of presumed Malaysian independence, even before the UN report was published Tun Mustapha's support for Moro separatists

Timeline

Date	Event	Part of
1878	British North Borneo Company acquires Sabah	Sabah
1888	Sabah becomes a British colony	Sabah
1906, 1920	US files pro forma claims against British occupation of Sabah	Sabah
24 Apr 1962	Sultan of Sulu cedes rights to the Philippines, on the condition that Sabah is reacquired	Sabah
12 Sept 1962	Macapagal claims Sabah	Sabah

9 July 1963	Tunku Abdul Rahman signs the London Agreement	Sabah
31 July 1963	Manila Accord	Sabah
14 Sept 1963	Publication of UN Mission Report	Sabah
16 Sept 1963	Sabah joins Malaysia	Sabah
3 June 1966	Joint communique on Sabah	Sabah
18 Mar 1968	Jabidah Massacre / Corregidor Incident	Sabah
June-July 1968	Failure of bilateral talks on Sabah	Sabah
18 Sept 1968	Republic Act 5446	Sabah
15 Oct 1968	Ramos' UN speech	Sabah
Dec 1969	Countries restore diplomatic ties	Sabah
1972	Start of MNLF revolt	Sabah
1973	Marcos' new Constitution includes Sabah	Sabah
4 Aug 1977	Marcos promises to drop the Sabah claim	Sabah
1987	Aquino attempts but fails to convince Congress to shelve the Sabah dispute	Sabah
1993	Ramos visits Malaysia	—
Feb 1994	Mahathir visits the Philippines	—
Sept 1994	Signing of a defence cooperation pact	—
1998	Ramos attempts but fails to convince Congress to shelve the Sabah dispute	Sabah

THAILAND-MALAYSIA

Issue	Thailand	Malaysia
	Interests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curb Pattani separatism 	Interests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curb MCP insurgency
Pattani / MCP	Responsibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheltering the MCP since 1959 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Including Chin Peng! 	Responsibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tacit support from PAS • Covert support and shelter offered
Border disputes	Responsibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1990: Detaining 7 forestry officials • 1991: Raids on Padang Besar 	Responsibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1984 EEZ Act • 1985 Fisheries Act • 1989: Detaining Thai trawlers

Issue	Thailand	Malaysia
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1991: Building border wall • 1995: Opening fire on Thai trawler

Date	Event	Part of
1896	Pattani ceded to Malaysia in the Anglo-French Treaty	Pattani
1909	Pattani ceded to Thailand in the Treaty of Bangkok	Pattani
1959	Agreement allowing border crossing by Malaysian troops into Thai territory in pursuit of Malaysian Communist Party (MCP) guerillas	Pattani
1978-79	Disagreements over oil rights in the Gulf of Thailand	
Feb 1979	Memorandum of Understanding on Malaysia-Thailand Joint Authority	—
Mar 1980	Kuantan Declaration	—
1984	Malaysia's EEZ Act	Border disputes
1985	Malaysia's Fisheries Act	Border disputes
1989	Malaysia detains Thai trawlers off Terengganu	Border disputes
1990	Thailand detains 7 Malaysian forestry officials	Border disputes
May 1990	Agreement on Malaysia-Thailand Joint Authority	—
1991	Thailand raids Padang Besar	Border disputes
July 1991	Malaysia builds a border wall	Border disputes
1994	Malaysia withdraws covert support for PULO	Pattani
1994	Thailand arrested and handed over an Islamist sect leader Darul Arqam to Malaysia	Pattani
1995	Malaysia opens fire on Thai trawler	Border disputes
Aug 1997-Jan 1998	PULO's Falling Leaves Campaign	Pattani
Jan 1998	Malaysia arrested and handed over PULO leaders to Thailand	Pattani