

Malaysia: The New King - Sultan Ibrahim Iskandar – takes over

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February 1, 2024: **Sultan Ibrahim Iskandar**, the billionaire ruler of Johor state, has been sworn in as **Malaysia's new king** under a unique rotating monarchy system **on January 31, 2024**. The 65-year-old monarch is known for his outspokenness and has promised to be a **hands-on leader**, with a **focus on economic revival**.



Sultan Ibrahim ibni Almarhum Sultan Iskandar

17th **Yang di-Pertuan Agong** (means “King of Malaysia” from **31 January 2024** for 5 years)

Sultan of Johor: Reign -23 Jan 2010 – present; **Coronation** – 23 Mar 2015

Sultan Ibrahim Iskandar is a member of the powerful Johor royal family and is one of Malaysia's richest men, with a net worth of at least \$5.7 billion. He is also known for his collection of over 300 luxury cars and his own private army.

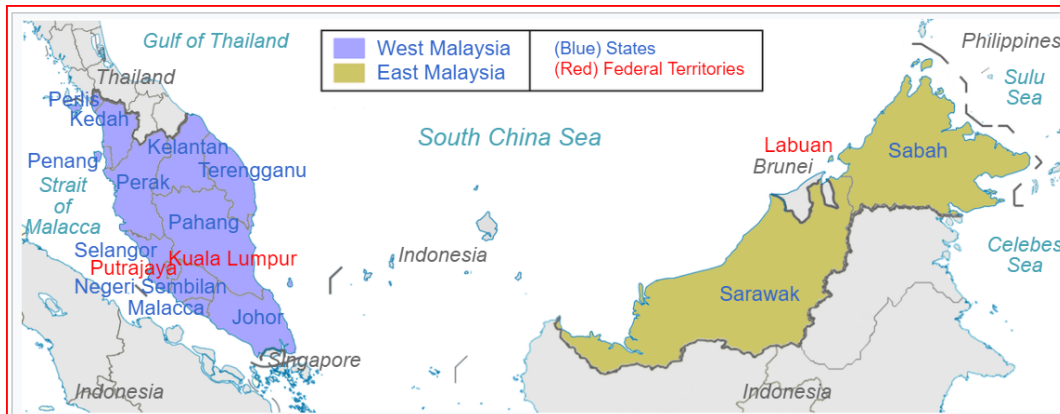
In addition to his ceremonial duties, Sultan Ibrahim Iskandar has the power to pardon and has used this power in the past to pardon **Anwar Ibrahim**, who had served a jail sentence for sodomy and is now Malaysia's Prime Minister.

In an interview with Singapore's **The Straits Times**, **Sultan Ibrahim Iskandar** said that he was not keen on becoming a **"puppet king"** and that he would support the government but would speak out if he thought they were doing something improper.

Sultan Ibrahim Iskandar has been an active participant in Malaysian politics and has been vocal about corruption and political instability in the country. He has also been critical of the government's handling of the COVID-19 pandemic and has called for more transparency and accountability.

Sultan Ibrahim Iskandar's reign as king comes at a time when Malaysia is facing political and economic challenges. The country has been grappling with **political instability since the 2018 general election**, which saw the ousting of the long-ruling **Barisan Nasional coalition**.

It remains to be seen how Sultan Ibrahim Iskandar will navigate the challenges ahead, but his outspokenness and his focus on economic revival suggest that he will be a force to be reckoned with in Malaysian politics.



Population: 33 Mn; Capital: **Kuala Lumpur**; Administrative Centre: **Putrajaya**
GDP: \$430.9 Bn (36th); GDP/ capita: \$13,034 (67th)

Malaysia is a federal constitutional monarchy consisting of 13 states and three federal territories (**Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya and Labuan**), separated by the South China Sea into two regions: **Peninsular Malaysia** and **Borneo's East Malaysia**. Peninsular Malaysia shares a land and maritime border with Thailand and maritime borders with Singapore, Vietnam, and Indonesia. East Malaysia shares land and maritime borders with Brunei and Indonesia, as well as a maritime border with the Philippines and Vietnam.

Tanjung Piai in the Malaysian state of Johor is the southernmost point of continental Eurasia