

Parliament name (generic / translated)	Parlimen / Parliament
Structure of parliament	Bicameral
Chamber name (generic / translated)	Dewan Rakyat / House of Representatives
Related chamber (for bicameral parliaments)	<a href="#">Dewan Negara / Senate</a>
<b>BACKGROUND</b>	
Dates of election / renewal (from/to)	5 May 2013
Purpose of elections	<p>The National Front (BN) - a 13-party ruling coalition comprising Prime Minister Najib Razak's United Malays National Organization (UMNO) - took 133 seats in the 222-member House of Representatives, down from 140 seats in 2008 and 199 in 2004. The Prime Minister promised to continue his economic policies.</p> <p>The three-party opposition coalition Pakatan Rakyat (People's Alliance, see note), led by former Deputy Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim took the remainder, pledging to end corruption. It won a majority of popular votes, with 51%, reportedly drawing strong support from the Chinese community in urban areas. Mr. Anwar accused the BN of electoral fraud, an accusation denied by the government.</p> <p>On 6 May, Mr. Najib was sworn in as Prime Minister by King Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah and subsequently named a 57-member Cabinet, one of the world's largest.</p> <p>Note: The Pakatan Rakyat (People's Alliance) comprised the Democratic Action Party (DAP), the People's Justice Party (PKR) and the Pan-Malaysian Islamic Party (PAS).</p>
Date of previous elections: 8 March 2008	
Date of dissolution of the outgoing legislature: 3 April 2013	
Timing of election: Upon normal expiry*	
*The term of the members in the outgoing legislature expired on 30 April.	
Although the previous elections were held in March 2008, the new elections needed to be called by 2 June 2013 (within 60 days from 3 April).	
Expected date of next elections: May 2018	
Number of seats at stake: 222 (full renewal)	
Number of candidates: 579 (523 men, 56 women)	
Percentage of women candidates: 9.7%	
Number of parties contesting the election: 4 (one coalition and three parties)	
Number of parties winning seats: 4	
Alternation of power: No	
Number of parties in government: 1 coalition comprising 13 parties	
Names of parties in government: National Front (BN)	

Date of the first session of the new parliament: 24 June 2013

Name of the new Speaker: Mr. Tan Sri Pandikar Amin Haji Mulia (National Front, BN)

#### STATISTICS

#### Voter turnout

Round no 1	5 May 2013
Number of registered electors	13'268'002
Voters	11'257'147 (84.84%)
Blank or invalid ballot papers	
Valid votes	

Notes

#### Distribution of seats

		Round no 1				
Political Group	Total					
National Front (BN)	<b>133</b>					
Democratic Action Party (DAP)	<b>38</b>					
People's Justice Party (PKR)	<b>30</b>					
Pan-Malaysian Islamic Party (PAS)	<b>21</b>					

#### Distribution of seats according to sex

Men	199
Women	23
Percent of women	10.36%