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# **MY PEOPLE MY COUNTRY**

THE STORY OF  
THE MALACCA PORTUGUESE COMMUNITY

It traces their beginning as Mesticos or Topazese, during the Portuguese era, 1511 to 1641; it relates their resistance and defiance against Dutch persecution, 1641 to 1824; it describes their contribution in the development of Malaya during the British colonisation, 1824 to 1957; it reveals the atrocities they suffered during the Japanese war; their quest for Representation in an Independent Malaysia and their propensity to survive and propagate their language, tradition, religion and culture.

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