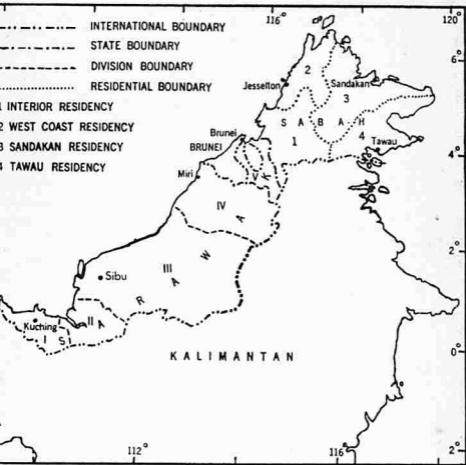


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Map of State Boundaries and Main Cities.

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PREFACE

SINCE the 1964 election there have been some important political changes. Singapore separated from Malaysia in August 1965; a few days later Dato Donald Stephens, who had earlier been Chief Minister of Sabah, resigned from his post as Minister for Sabah Affairs in the Federal Cabinet. In June 1966 the composition of the Sarawak Cabinet was changed, following the removal of the Chief Minister, Dato Stephen Kalong Ningkan. In the last chapter reference is made to the most striking of these events, Singapore's separation from Malaysia, but it was obviously not possible to cover in any depth what happened after the election. The scope of the book is limited, substantially, to the election itself and the situation and prospects immediately afterwards.

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