

FIRST PRIME MINISTER TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN PUTRA AL-HAJ (1957 - 1970)

Tunku became Umno president on Aug 26, 1951, succeeding Datuk Onn Jaafar, the founding father of the party.

Under his leadership, the Alliance was formed in 1955 and was voted into power during the country's first general election.

He was appointed the first Prime Minister when the country gained its independence on Aug 31, 1957.

In 1963, Malaysia was formed.

His contributions and sacrifices for independence earned the Tunku with the title "Father of Independence."

Born on Feb 8, 1903, at the Istana Tiga Tingkat in Alor Star, Tunku, a prince, was the son of Sultan of Kedah Sultan Abdul Hamid Halimshah.

Tunku had a weekly column in *The Star* entitled *As I See It*.

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Tunku resigned as Prime Minister in 1970 and he passed away on Dec 6, 1990.

SECOND PRIME MINISTER TUN ABDUL RAZAK HUSSEIN (1970 - 1976)

Tun Abdul Razak introduced the National Education Policy and formulated the development policy known as 'The Red Book.'

He is renowned for the New Economic Policy launched in 1971.

Tun Abdul Razak also spearheaded the formation of Barisan Nasional.

For his contributions in the area of national and rural development Tun

Abdul Razak is known as the 'Father of Development.'

Tun Abdul Razak was born in Kampung Pulau Keladi in Pekan, Pahang on March 11, 1922.

His son Datuk Seri Najib is the present Defence Minister and Pekan MP.

Tun Abdul Razak passed away in office on Jan 14, 1976.

THIRD PRIME MINISTER TUN HUSSEIN ONN (1976 - 1981)

Tun Hussein Onn, the son of Umno founding father Datuk Onn Jaafar, is remembered as the "Father of Unity" for his efforts in promoting goodwill

among the various communities.

In 1970 he was appointed Education Minister and Deputy Prime Minister concurrently holding the portfolios of Finance and Public Enterprises.

He launched the Amanah Saham Nasional on April 20, 1981.

Tun Hussein died on May 29, 1990.

FOURTH PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD (1981 - 2003)

Born on Dec 20, 1925, in Alor Star, Kedah, Dr Mahathir became Prime Minister on July 16, 1981.

He was first elected as a MP during

the 1964 general election.

In 1973, Dr Mahathir was appointed a senator and he relinquished this post to contest in the 1974 general election where he was returned unopposed.

Under his leadership, Barisan won landslide victories in the general elections of 1982, 1986, 1990, 1990, 1995 and 1999.

Dr Mahathir is married to a doctor, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, and they have seven children — Marina, Mirzan, Melinda, Mokhzani, Mukhriz, Maizura, and Mazhar — and 10 grandchildren.