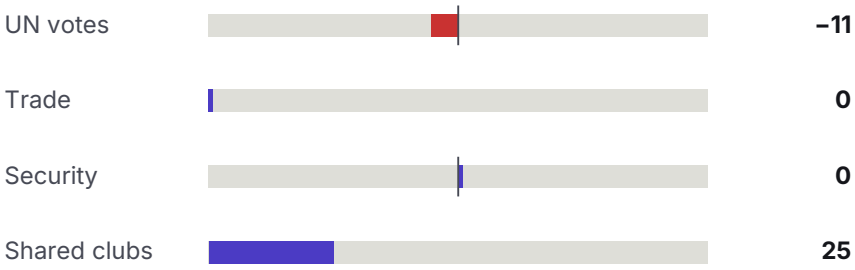
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Neutral

Relationship index, −100 to +100. Votes and security run from −100 to +100; trade and shared clubs from 0 to 100.



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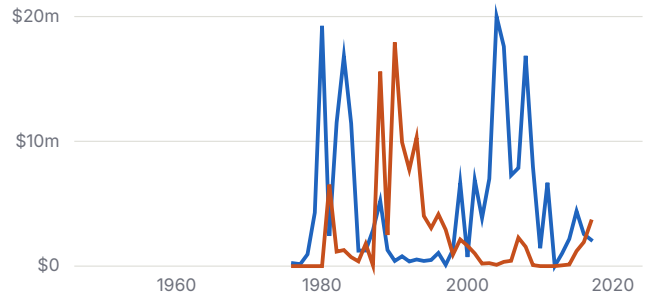
- At the UN their vote agreement is 67% (2022–2024), about average for both of them.
- They have no recorded trade in goods.
- In its UN General Debate speeches, Malaysia names North Korea far more often than the reverse (10 sentences against 2).
- 202 people born in Malaysia live in North Korea (UN DESA counts place of birth, however long ago they moved).

OVER TIME

Share of recorded UN votes cast the same way



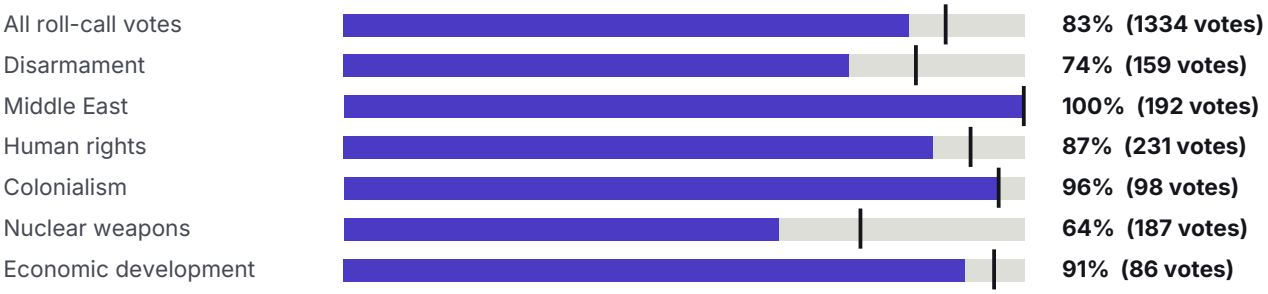
Goods exports each way (US dollars)



Malaysia sells to North Korea North Korea sells to Malaysia

VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (SINCE 2010)

Most alike on Middle East (100% of votes the same), furthest apart on nuclear weapons (64%), against 83% on all votes since 2010.



Bar: since 2010. Mark: all years. Share of roll-call votes on whole texts cast the same way, counted vote by vote; an abstention against a yes counts as a difference. Disarmament, colonialism and economic development count votes up to 2018.

THE FACTS

UN votes	At the UN, the vote agreement of Malaysia and North Korea was 67% in 2022–2024. For Malaysia, North Korea is the 42nd most distant voting partner out of 191; for North Korea, Malaysia is the 62nd closest partner.
Trade	No trade in goods between them is recorded for 2023–2025.
Words	Since 1946, Malaysia has named North Korea in 10 sentences of its General Debate speeches; North Korea has named Malaysia in 2.
Security	No armed conflict between the two governments is recorded since 1946 (UCDP, data to 2025).
People	202 people born in Malaysia live in North Korea (2024, UN DESA).
People	Their national football teams have met 8 times.

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	244 shared votes on whole texts in 2022–2024, the years the headline share covers. With that many, a share is good to about ±6 points.
Trade	**Low**	No goods trade is reported for 2023–2025, so the score is 0. The data cannot tell zero trade from trade that was not reported.
Security	**High**	The Uppsala Conflict Data Program covers every state up to 2025. It counts only conflicts with at least 25 battle deaths a year.
Shared clubs	**High**	The list of tracked groups is fixed; membership is checked by hand.
Index	**Low**	As sure as the weaker of its two required parts, votes and trade. Security and shared clubs add to it but never make it surer.

SOURCES AND HOW TO CITE

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