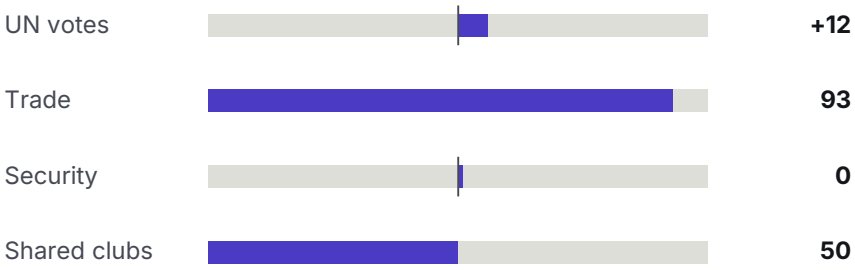
Singapore & Malaysia

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Close

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

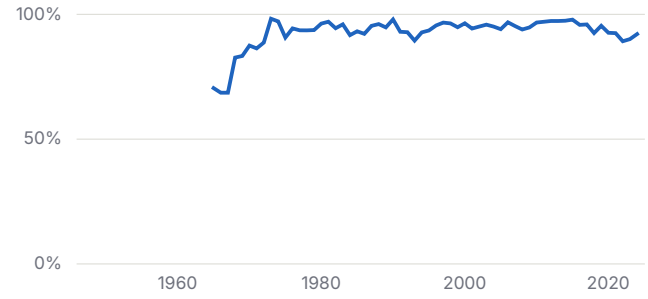


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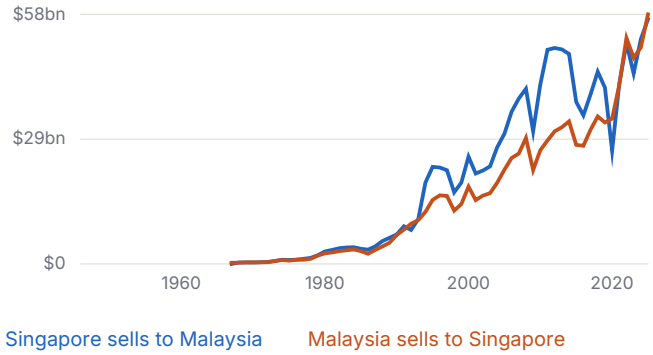
- At the UN their vote agreement is 90% (2022–2024), about average for both of them.
- Trade in goods ($104 billion a year) is very important for Malaysia, and about as important for Singapore.
- In its UN General Debate speeches, Malaysia names Singapore more often than the reverse (27 sentences against 15).
- 1.6 million people born in Malaysia live in Singapore (UN DESA counts place of birth, however long ago they moved).

OVER TIME

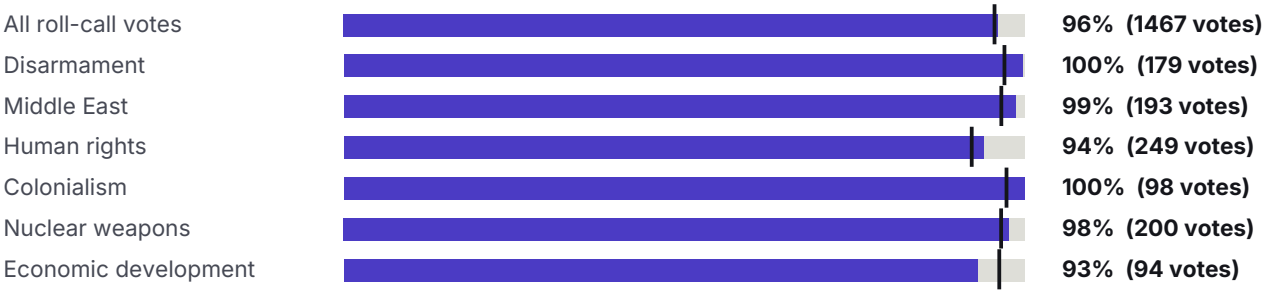
Share of recorded UN votes cast the same way



Goods exports each way (US dollars)



VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (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 Singapore and Malaysia was 90% in 2022–2024. For Singapore, Malaysia is the 79th closest voting partner out of 191; for Malaysia, Singapore is the 91st closest partner.
Trade	Trade in goods between them averaged $104 billion a year in 2023–2025: 12.9% of all Singapore's trade and 17.0% of Malaysia's. Malaysia is Singapore's 2nd largest trading partner.
Words	Since 1946, Singapore has named Malaysia in 15 sentences of its General Debate speeches; Malaysia has named Singapore in 27.
Security	No armed conflict between the two governments is recorded since 1946 (UCDP, data to 2025).
People	80,000 people born in Singapore live in Malaysia and 1.6 million born in Malaysia live in Singapore (2024, UN DESA).
People	Their national football teams have met 75 times.

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	272 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	**High**	Goods trade is reported in 3 of the 3 years 2023–2025. Goods only, from customs data (IMF); services and energy pipelines are not in it.
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	**High**	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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