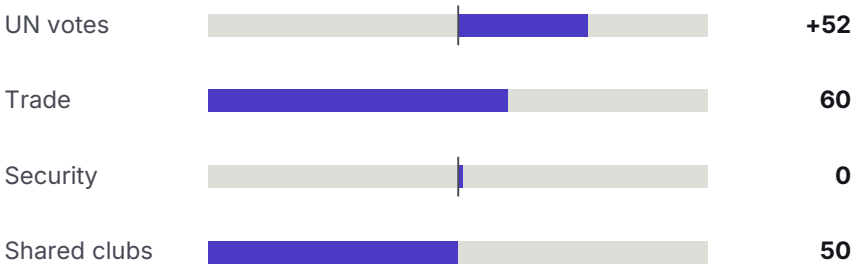
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Close

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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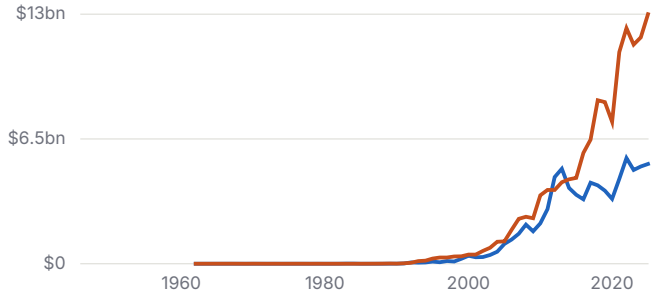
- At the UN their vote agreement is 94% (2022–2024), higher than either of them has with most countries.
- Trade in goods ($17 billion a year) is modest for Malaysia, and about as important for Viet Nam.
- In its UN General Debate speeches, Malaysia names Viet Nam far more often than the reverse (60 sentences against 5).
- 5 people born in Viet Nam live in Malaysia (UN DESA counts place of birth, however long ago they moved). A separate count, by UNHCR: 5 refugees and asylum seekers from Viet Nam in Malaysia; the two counts measure different things and are not added up.

OVER TIME

Share of recorded UN votes cast the same way

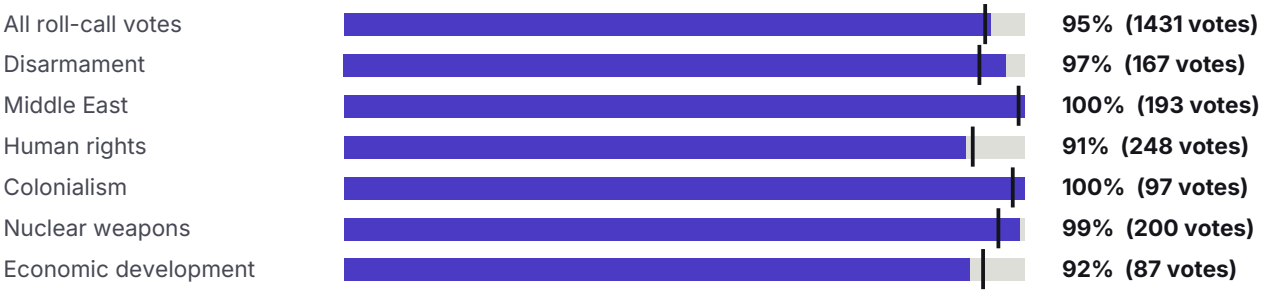


Goods exports each way (US dollars)



Viet Nam sells to Malaysia Malaysia sells to Viet Nam

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 Viet Nam and Malaysia was 94% in 2022–2024. For Viet Nam, Malaysia is the 53rd closest voting partner out of 191; for Malaysia, Viet Nam is the 40th closest partner.
Trade	Trade in goods between them averaged $17 billion a year in 2023–2025: 2.3% of all Viet Nam's trade and 2.8% of Malaysia's. Malaysia is Viet Nam's 6th largest trading partner.
Words	Since 1946, Viet Nam has named Malaysia in 5 sentences of its General Debate speeches; Malaysia has named Viet Nam in 60.
Security	No armed conflict between the two governments is recorded since 1946 (UCDP, data to 2025).
People	5 people born in Viet Nam live in Malaysia (2024, UN DESA).
People	Their national football teams have met 27 times.

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	262 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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