Mahathir Muhammad of Malaysia

Malaysia, December 20, 1925, a new baby the life came “Mahathir Muhammad” to shift Malaysia's income per capita 51 times better from 226$ per capita in 1960 to 11,414$ per capita in 2020. Mahathir Muhammad was a very famous Malaysian who was the prime minister of Malaysia for about 20 to 22 years so from about 1981 to 2003. Also, Mahathir Muhammad is or of the main founders of modern Malaysia as he through his years of a prime minister visited lots of countries, made lots of factories, and other things that in the end let Malaysia modernize not be just agricultural. So Mahathir Mohamed is the one who turned Malaysia **from an agrarian society to one of the most developed countries in the Southeast Asian region.**

         Mahathir Muhammad was born on December 20, 1925, in Alor Setar, in the state of Kedah in northern Malaysia. Mahathir was born in a modest and stable family he was a Malaysian Muslim, and his dad was a well-thought-of teacher in an English language school. While he was a child the invasion of Japan to Malaysia happened so he made a small place where he sold in its coffee and later it had lots of snacks.

Mahathir continued his education at the University of Malaya in Singapore. He graduated from college in 1953 and worked as an army or government medical officer until 1957, and then he entered private practice. In 1969 Mahathir Muhammad was elected to the parliament as a member of the United Malays National Organization (UMNO).

         Mahathir made lots of massive changes in Malaysia and lots of people see him as the founder of modern Malaysia. Before he was a prime minister he was the education minister and when he was the education minister in the 1970s he increased the percentage of 6y old children who attend from 67% to 90%. Also, Mahathir as an education minister changed the books, tests, and ways of teaching to ways that are better, less hard, and more effective, although it was a little heavy. In 1981 Mahathir Muhammad won or was elected in the elections to be the 4th prime minister of Malaysia, and that led Malaysia for the better. Mahathir Muhammad in 1996 showed his progress as the GDP grew 8.5% more in 10 years only. The year after that 1997 the external trade was equal to more than 157 billion US dollars Making Malaysia the 18th best country in external trading all over the world. Also in the same year, the Malaysian currency devalued half what it was on. In the end, Mahathir Muhammad was the Malaysian 4th prime minister who formed modern Malaysia.

         There are lots and huge political achievements for Mahathir Muhammad all over the years, however also Mahathir Muhammad was not a political man only he also learned lots of things in different places and he took standouts and honors. For example, Mahathir took an Honorary Ph.D. degree in Literature from Al-Azhar University (1998) and was also Grand Commander of the Order of the Defender of the Realm (SMN) – Tun (2003). These are things or certificates that he took from el Azhar and Malaysia. From the things that he did to Palestine is that when the Olympics were made in Malaysia he said that if anybody carries an Israelian passport he will not enter. So Mahathir Muhammad had learned a lot about Islam and took standout for Palestine.

         In a conclusion, Mahathir Muhammad was born on December 20, 1925, in Alor Setar, in the state of Kedah in northern Malaysia in a modest and stable family and he was a Malaysian Muslim. At school he got good grades but then WWII came and japan occupied Malaysia so schools stopped. After college and 4 years of working as an army medical officer, the 1969 Mahathir Muhammad was elected to the parliament as a member of the United Malays National Organization (UMNO). Mahathir made lots of massive changes in Malaysia that lots of people see that he is the founder of modern Malaysia. he increased the percentage of 6y old children who attend, changed the books, tests, and ways of teaching, and GDP grew by 8.5% more in 10 years only, and lots of other things. As most people say Mahathir Mohamed is the one who turned Malaysia **from an agrarian society to one of the most developed countries in the Southeast Asian region.**

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