
MALAYSIA'S PERFORMANCE IN

GLOBAL PEACE INDEX 2013



GOVERNANCE, SECURITY & SAFETY

1.0 Introduction

The Global Peace Index (GPI) 2013 is the seventh edition produced by Institute for Economic and Peace with offices in Sydney and New York, which ranks nations according to their level of peace. The report released on 11th June 2013, composed of 22 qualitative and quantitative indicators from highly respected sources, which gauge three broad themes: the level of safety and security in society; the extent of domestic or international conflict; and the degree of militarisation. The 2013 GPI has been expanded to rank **162 independent states (2012: 158 countries)** with an additional four countries Timor-Leste, Togo, Kosovo and South Sudan.

2.0 Malaysia's Performance in The Global Peace Index (GPI) 2013

Malaysia is ranked 29th among 162 countries (*GPI 2012:20th) with a score of 1.574 (*2012: score 1.485) in the Global Peace Index 2013 as shown in Table 1. **Malaysia has been overtaken by Singapore, Taiwan, Netherlands, Australia, Uruguay and Croatia.** The top 3 countries globally are Iceland, Denmark and New Zealand. Japan (6th) and Qatar (19th) are the only two Asian countries that made to the top 20 of GPI 2013. **Malaysia is the second most peaceful country after Singapore in the ASEAN region.**
(*based on the GPI 2012 published report)

Table 1: Top 40 in the GPI 2013

Countries	2013		2012	
	Rank	Score	Rank	Score
Iceland	1	1.162	1	1.113
Denmark	2	1.207	2	1.239
New Zealand	3	1.237	2	1.239
Austria	4	1.250	6	1.328
Switzerland	5	1.272	10	1.349
Japan	6	1.293	5	1.326
Finland	7	1.297	9	1.348
Canada	8	1.306	4	1.317
Sweden	9	1.319	14	1.419
Belgium	10	1.339	11	1.376
Norway	11	1.359	18	1.480
Ireland	12	1.370	6	1.328
Slovenia	13	1.374	8	1.330
Czech Republic	14	1.404	13	1.396
Germany	15	1.431	15	1.424
Australia	16	1.438	22	1.494
Singapore	16	1.438	23	1.521
Portugal	18	1.467	16	1.470
Qatar	19	1.480	12	1.395
Bhutan	20	1.487	19	1.481
Mauritius	21	1.497	21	1.487
Netherlands	22	1.508	28	1.606
Hungary	23	1.520	17	1.476
Uruguay	24	1.528	33	1.628
Poland	25	1.530	24	1.524
Taiwan	26	1.538	27	1.602
Spain	27	1.563	25	1.548
Croatia	28	1.571	35	1.648
Malaysia	29	1.574	20	1.485
Romania	30	1.584	32	1.627
Chile	31	1.589	30	1.616
Botswana	32	1.598	31	1.621
Slovakia	33	1.622	26	1.590
Bulgaria	34	1.663	39	1.699
Italy	35	1.663	38	1.690
United Arab Emirates	36	1.679	46	1.785
Kuwait	37	1.705	47	1.792
Estonia	38	1.710	41	1.715
Laos	39	1.724	37	1.662
Costa Rica	40	1.755	36	1.659

Malaysia's performances in 17 out of the 23 indicators remain unchanged. Four indicators registered declines are:-

- Number of external and internal conflicts fought from 1.0 to 2.0;
- Political terror scale from 2.0 to 2.5;
- Military expenditure as a percentage of GDP from 1.4 to 1.5; and
- Funding for UN peacekeeping missions from 1.0 to 3.9.

There are two indicators that showed improvements:-

- Political instability from 2.0 to 1.5; and
- Likelihood of violent demonstrations from 3.5 to 3.0.

(Note: lower scores indicating a more peaceful representation) as shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Malaysia's Performance by Indicators

Indicator	2013 score	2012 score	Changes
Ongoing Domestic and International Conflict	1.3	1.3	
Number of external and internal conflicts fought	2.0	1.0	↓
Estimated number of death from organized conflict (external)	1.0	1.0	-
Number of deaths from organized conflict (internal)	1.0	1.0	-
Relations with neighbouring countries	1.0	1.0	-
Level of organized conflict (internal)	1.0	1.0	-
Societal Safety and Security	2.1	2.1	
Level of perceived criminality in society	2.0	2.0	-
Number of displaced people as a percentage of the population	1.0	1.0	-
Political instability	1.5	2.0	↑
Political Terror Scale	2.5	2.0	↓
Terrorist acts	1.0	1.0	-
Number of homicides per 100,000 people	2.0	2.0	-
Level of violent crimes	2.0	2.0	-
Likelihood of violent demonstrations	3.0	3.5	↑
Number of jailed population per 100,000 people	1.5	1.5	-
Number of internal security officers and police per 100,000 people	2.0	2.0	-
Militarisation	1.7	1.7	
Ease of access to small weapons and light weapons	1.0	1.0	-
Volume of transfers of major conventional weapons, as recipient (Imports) per 100,000 people	1.5	1.5	-
Military expenditure as a percentage of GDP	1.5	1.4	↓
Number of armed services personnel per 100,000 people	1.0	1.0	-
Funding for UN peacekeeping missions	3.9	1.0	↓
Volume of transfer of major conventional weapon as supplier (export) per 100,000 people	1.0	1.0	-
Nuclear and heavy weapons capability	1.4	1.4	-

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In the Asia-Pacific region, **Malaysia declined to 6th position** overtaken by Australia, Singapore and Taiwan. Japan remains the most peaceful country in Asia-Pacific region and Afghanistan continues to languish in the 162nd position (Table 3). **In the ASEAN region, Malaysia is the second most peaceful country after Singapore** ahead of Laos, Australia, Taiwan, South Korea, Indonesia and Thailand (Table 4).

Table 3: Asia-Pacific Region

Countries	2013			2012		
	Overall Rank	Regional Rank	Score	Overall Rank	Regional Rank	Score
Japan	6	1	1.293	5	1	1.326
Australia	16	2	1.438	22	4	1.494
Singapore	16	2	1.438	23	5	1.521
Bhutan	20	4	1.487	19	2	1.481
Taiwan	26	5	1.538	27	6	1.602
Malaysia	29	6	1.574	20	3	1.485
Laos	39	7	1.724	37	8	1.662
Vietnam	41	8	1.772	34	7	1.641
South Korea	47	9	1.832	42	9	1.734
Indonesia	54	10	1.887	63	11	1.913
Mongolia	64	11	1.921	58	10	1.884
Nepal	82	12	2.058	80	12	2.001
Papua New Guinea	99	13	2.126	93	15	2.076
China	101	14	2.142	89	13	2.061
Bangladesh	105	15	2.159	91	14	2.071
Sri Lanka	110	16	2.230	103	16	2.145
Cambodia	115	17	2.263	108	17	2.207
Philippines	129	18	2.374	133	19	2.415
Thailand	130	19	2.378	126	18	2.303
Myanmar	140	20	2.528	139	20	2.525
India	141	21	2.570	142	21	2.549
North Korea	154	22	3.044	152	23	2.932
Pakistan	157	23	3.106	149	22	2.833
Afghanistan	162	24	3.440	157	24	3.252

Table 4: ASEAN

Countries	2013			2012		
	Overall Rank	Regional Rank	Score	Overall Rank	Regional Rank	Score
Singapore	16	1	1.438	23	2	1.521
Malaysia	29	2	1.574	20	1	1.485
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3.0 Results and Findings from the report

- Over the last six years the world has experienced a decline in peacefulness. Much of this is a result of an increase in the intensity of internal conflicts, which have tended to exceed concurrent declines in external conflict.
- Europe remains the most peaceful region with 13 of its countries ranking in the top 20.
- Following the revolution and civil war, Libya's level of peace has begun to bounce back, with a newly elected government and recovering institutions.
- Sudan and Chad experienced the second and third largest gains in peace as a result of easing conflict. Despite this, they remain in the lower reaches of the GPI.
- Syria has experienced the largest deterioration in peace of any country in the history of the GPI.
- South Asia is the least peaceful region, followed by the Middle East and North Africa and Russia and Eurasia.
- Amid challenging economic circumstances Spain, Greece, France and Portugal experienced reductions in their levels of peacefulness.
- Many Middle Eastern and North African countries continuous to be affected by violent protests and political instability.
- Cote D'ivoire registered the second-most substantial decline in peace with a fresh wave of violent conflict ending an uneasy peace that had held sway since April 2011.
- Sub-Saharan Africa ranks above the three regions of Russia & Eurasia, the Middle East and North Africa and South Asia in the 2013 GPI, which partly reflects its rising prosperity and a degree of insulation from the global financial crisis.

The 10 MOST PEACEFUL Countries in 2013

RANK	COUNTRY	SCORE
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3	New Zealand	1.237
4	Austria	1.250
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10	Belgium	1.339

The 10 LEAST PEACEFUL Countries in 2013

RANK	COUNTRY	SCORE
162	Afghanistan	3.440
161	Somalia	3.394
160	Syria	3.393
159	Iraq	3.245
158	Sudan	3.242
157	Pakistan	3.106
156	Congo, Dem.Rep.	3.085
155	Russia	3.060
154	North Korea	3.044
153	Central African Rep.	3.031

4.0 Methodology

The GPI a composite index, comprised 22 qualitative and quantitative indicators. The indicators were selected by an international expert panel and are reviewed annually. GPI indicators can be classified under three broad themes: ongoing domestic and international conflict, societal safety and security and militarisation.

Indicators:

Ongoing Domestic and International Conflict

Number of external and internal conflicts fought
Number of deaths from organised conflict (external)
Number of deaths from organised conflict (internal)
Level of organised conflict
Relations with neighbouring countries

Societal Safety and Security

Level of perceived criminality in society
Number of refugees and displaced people as a percentage of the total population
Political instability
Political Terror Scale
Terrorist activity
Number of homicides per 100,000 people
Level of violent crime
Likelihood of violent demonstrations
Number of jailed population per 100,000 people
Number of internal security officers and police per 100,000 people

Militarisation

Military expenditure as a percentage of GDP
Number of armed-service personnel per 100,000 people
Volume of transfers of major conventional weapons as recipients (import) per 100,000 people
Volume of transfers of major conventional weapons as supplier (export) per 100,000 people
Financial contribution to UN peacekeeping missions
Nuclear and heavy weapons capability
Ease of access to small arms and light weapons
For a full description of each indicator source and scoring methodology, refer to the Global Peace Index 2013 Report

Score and weight:

All of the GPI indicators are given a normalised score on a scale of 1-5, whereby qualitative indicators are also provided with estimates. The overall GPI score assigned to each country applies a weight of 60% for internal and 40% for external peace. Internal peace measures how peaceful a country is internally and external peace measures the state of peace.

Overall Ranking: Global Peace Index 2013

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United Kingdom	44	1.787	29	1.609
Oman	45	1.806	59	1.887
Namibia	46	1.822	49	1.804
South Korea	47	1.832	42	1.734
Zambia	48	1.840	51	1.830
Cyprus	49	1.840	73	1.957
Lesotho	50	1.854	53	1.864
Timor-Leste	51	1.858		
Jordan	52	1.863	62	1.905
France	53	1.879	40	1.710
Indonesia	54	1.887	63	1.913
Tanzania	55	1.893	55	1.873
Panama	56	1.897	61	1.899
Morocco	57	1.893	54	1.867
Ghana	58	1.899	50	1.807
Sierra Leone	59	1.904	52	1.855
Argentina	60	1.907	44	1.763
Mozambique	61	1.910	48	1.796
Serbia	62	1.912	64	1.920
Djibouti	63	1.917	56	1.881
Mongolia	64	1.921	58	1.884
Cuba	65	1.922	70	1.951
Nicaragua	66	1.931	81	2.006
Togo	67	1.955	-	-
Greece	68	1.957	77	1.976
Albania	69	1.961	66	1.927
Guyana	70	1.962	69	1.937
Bosnia Herzegovina	71	1.967	65	1.923
Kosovo	72	1.969	-	-
Montenegro	73	1.976	81	2.006
Malawi	74	1.984	60	1.894
Moldova	74	1.984	66	1.927
Gabon	76	1.995	75	1.972
Tunisia	77	2.005	72	1.955
Kazakhstan	78	2.031	105	2.151
Macedonia	79	2.044	68	1.935
Liberia	80	2.084	101	2.131
Brazil	81	2.051	83	2.017
Nepal	82	2.058	80	2.001
Ecuador	83	2.059	85	2.028
Paraguay	84	2.060	76	1.973
Senegal	85	2.061	78	1.994
Bolivia	86	2.062	84	2.021
Burkina Faso	87	2.064	56	1.881

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	Rank	Score	Rank	Score
Swaziland	88	2.069	85	2.028
Equatorial Guinea	89	2.072	87	2.039
Madagascar	90	2.074	99	2.124
Trinidad and Tobago	90	2.074	94	2.082
Haiti	92	2.075	107	2.179
The Gambia	93	2.091	74	1.961
Dominican Republic	94	2.103	90	2.068
Bahrain	95	2.109	118	2.247
Belarus	96	2.117	109	2.208
Saudi Arabia	97	2.119	106	2.178
Armenia	98	2.123	115	2.238
USA	99	2.126	88	2.058
Papua New Guinea	99	2.126	93	2.076
China	101	2.142	89	2.061
Angola	102	2.148	95	2.105
Turkmenistan	103	2.154	117	2.242
Benim	104	2.156	114	2.231
Bangladesh	105	2.159	91	2.071
Uganda	106	2.180	98	2.121
Republic of Congo	107	2.183	104	2.148
Cameroon	108	2.191	97	2.113
Guatemala	109	2.221	124	2.287
Sri Lanka	110	2.230	103	2.145
Ukraine	111	2.238	71	1.953
El Salvador	112	2.240	111	2.220
Peru	113	2.258	79	1.995
Egypt	113	2.258	111	2.220
Cambodia	115	2.263	108	2.207
Guinea	116	2.272	92	2.073
Jamaica	117	2.274	113	2.222
Tajikistan	118	2.282	99	2.124
Algeria	119	2.284	121	2.255
Eritrea	120	2.288	122	2.264
South Africa	121	2.292	127	2.321
Mauritania	122	2.326	125	2.301
Honduras	123	2.332	129	2.339
Uzbekistan	124	2.333	110	2.219
Mali	125	2.346	102	2.132
Azerbaijan	126	2.350	132	2.360
Niger	127	2.362	116	2.241
Venezuela	128	2.370	123	2.278
Philippines	129	2.374	133	2.415
Thailand	130	2.378	126	2.303
Kyrgyz Republic	131	2.391	131	2.359
Guinea-Bissau	132	2.431	95	2.105
Mexico	133	2.434	135	2.445

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	Rank	Score		Rank
Turkey	134	2.437	130	2.344
Rwanda	135	2.444	119	2.250
Kenya	136	2.466	120	2.252
Iran	137	2.473	128	2.324
Chad	138	2.493	145	2.671
Georgia	139	2.511	141	2.541
Myanmar	140	2.528	139	2.525
India	141	2.570	142	2.549
Lebanon	142	2.575	136	2.459
South Sudan	143	2.576	-	-
Burundi	144	2.593	138	2.524
Libya	145	2.604	147	2.830
Ethiopia	146	2.630	137	2.504
Colombia	147	2.634	144	2.625
Nigeria	148	2.693	146	2.801
Zimbabwe	149	2.696	140	2.538
Israel	150	2.730	150	2.842
Cote d' Ivoire	151	2.732	134	2.419
Yemen	152	2.747	143	2.601
Central African Republic	153	3.031	151	2.872
North Korea	154	3.044	152	2.932
Russia	155	3.060	153	2.938
Democratic Republic of Congo	156	3.085	154	3.073
Pakistan	157	3.106	149	2.833
Sudan	158	3.242	156	3.193
Iraq	159	3.245	155	3.192
Syria	160	3.393	147	2.830
Somalia	161	3.394	158	3.392
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