

# Is Malaysia's Parliament Dead?

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On the 16<sup>th</sup> of August, Malaysia's 8<sup>th</sup> prime minister, Muhyiddin Yassin and his cabinet, who came to power via [a political coup in 2020](#), officially resigned. At the time of this recording, the next prime minister is being selected by a secret vote by members of parliament via statutory declarations to the king. The next prime minister—the third in two years—will be just another product of a long-running political crisis. How can Malaysians enact meaningful change when politicians can so easily topple the government by [jumping between coalitions](#)?

On this week's episode, Deborah Augustin speaks to Arveent Kathirtchelvan and Chong Yee Shan from Parti Sosialis Malaysia about the [limitations of electoral politics](#) and potential alternatives to this system.

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