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THINKING EYES

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## THE THINKING EYES OF BAZUKI MUHAMMAD

thank you

to **Ayah**, for raising me up in a **world of creativity**

to **Ma**, for believing that I can make a living out of the thing that **I enjoy doing the most**

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to **Aisyah**, for making me smiling again when I come home with my **good pictures, BUT out-of-focus**

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to **Mr Mueller**, for telling me that I can make a living out of **taking pictures**

to **Mr Nash**, for telling me that getting an **A is not good enough**





Tsunami, Phuket island, Thailand | 2004









Buzkashi, Afghanistan national sport, Kabul | 2002













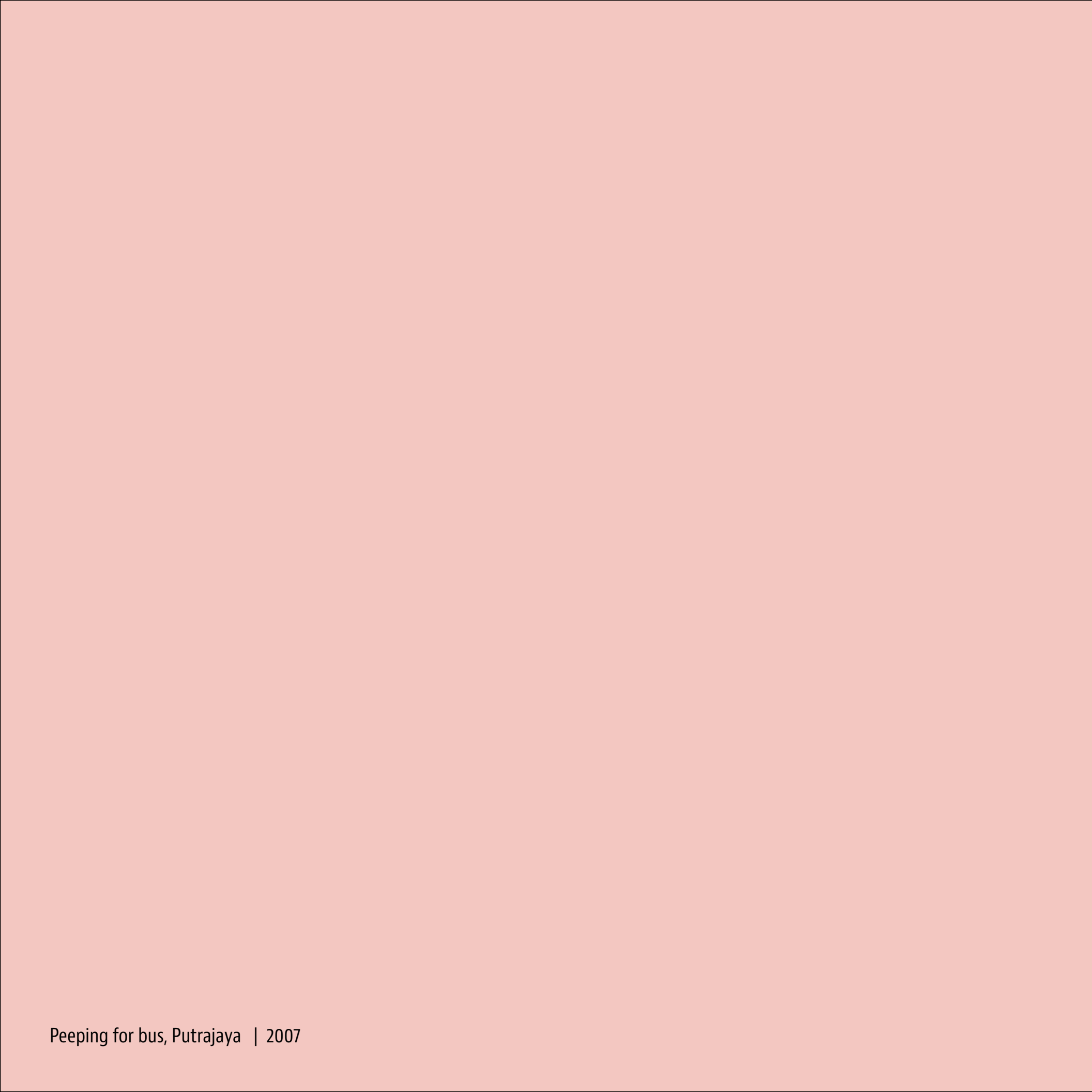












Peeping for bus, Putrajaya | 2007





Abdul Razak Abdullah Baginda arriving for a hearing,  
Shah Alam, Malaysia. The political analyst was acquitted  
abetting the murder of a Mongolian model | 2007



Prayers ahead of polling day, Kota Bharu, Malaysia | 2008











Sitting in a bus on a rainy day, Putrajaya, Malaysia | 2008









Members of Royal Malaysian Navy,  
National Day Parade, Kuala Lumpur | 2012







South Korea's Lee Kyung-won jumping into the arms of her coach after qualifying for final, Kuala Lumpur | 2010











F1 Sebastian Vettel celebrating, Sepang | 2010





Mahathir Mohamad waving before leaving office for the last time as the Prime Minister, Putrajaya | 2003









Aummarine Kamolkunpipat grieving on his wife's coffin  
after she died in bus crash, Ipoh, Malaysia | 2010





Showering by firefighters before circumcised, near Kuala Lumpur | 2008









A1 GP driver Neel Jani of Switzerland taking a corner during practice session, Sepang | 2005





Malaysia's Prime Minister Najib Razak singing along patriotic songs, National Day celebrations, Kuala Lumpur | 2012



Anita Muhammad hugs her new  
daughter-in-law Anis Noh | 2017







"Stoning Devil," Mecca | 2002









"Sacrifice," Feast of Sacrifice, Mecca | 2002

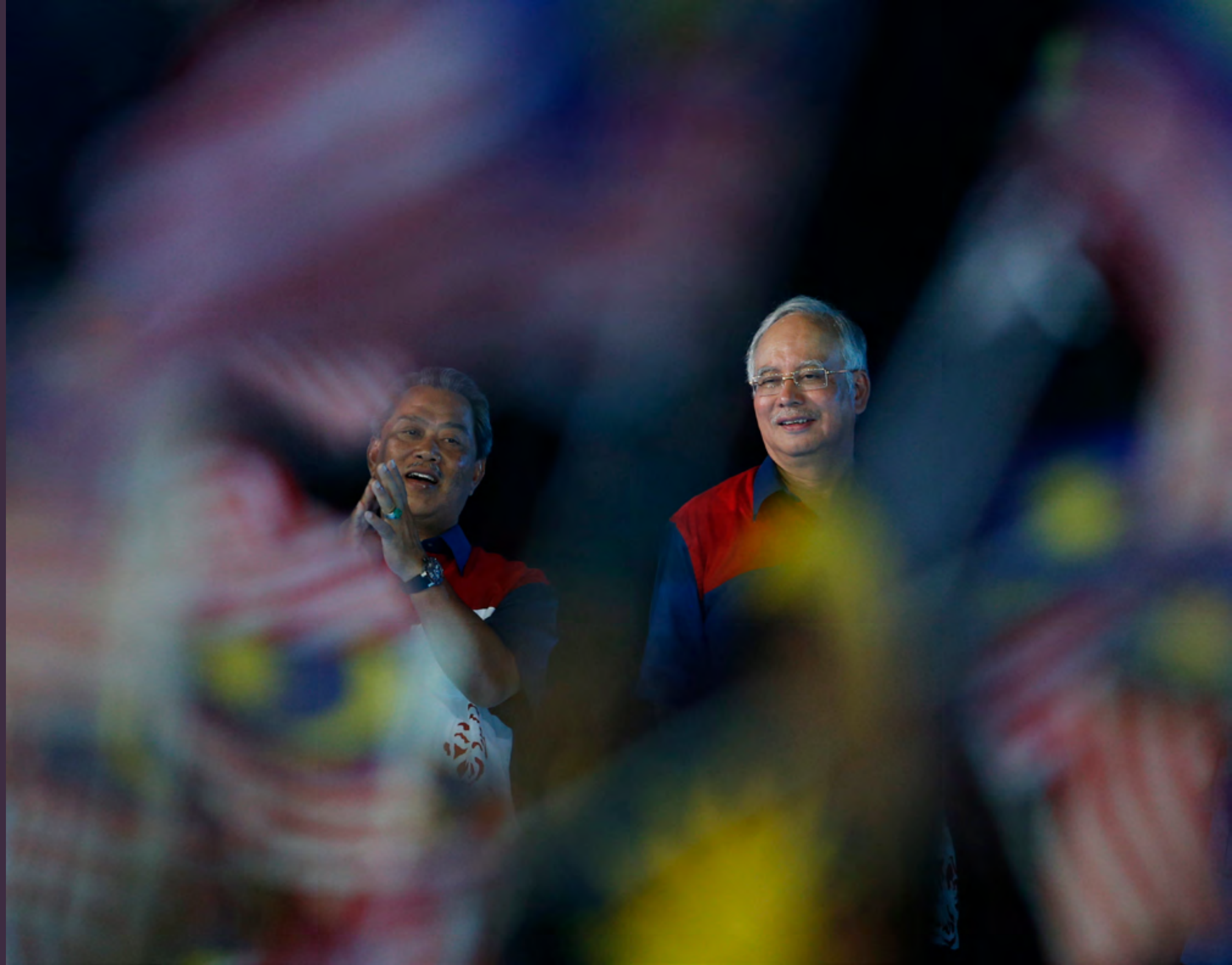




Pilgrims gathering at Mount of Mercy, marking the beginning of Haj, Arafat, outside Mecca | 2002



Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak and his deputy Muhyiddin  
Yassin singing patriotic songs, National Day, Kuala Lumpur | 2012







Muslim reciting prayers, Putrajaya, Malaysia | 2000





Former Malaysia's prime minister Mahathir Mohamad presenting his keynote address in front of the "Man In The Hood" during an anti-war conference, Kuala Lumpur | 2007





Tsunami survivor Prapasiri Klongboon is comforted by a volunteer, one year memorial ceremony of Tsunami, Thai island of Phi Phi | 2005









Flood victims pulling their belongings through an empty highway to safer place, Kota Bharu, Malaysia | 2014



**ANWAR  
POLITICAL  
PRISONER**

Supporter of jailed former Malaysia's deputy prime  
minister Anwar Ibrahim, Kuala Lumpur | 2004









Tsunami survivor Petcharat Khamjit  
shedding tears during one year memorial,  
isle of Phi Phi, Thailand | 2005



Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir  
Mohamad holding tears as he is crowded  
by his party leaders as he is announcing to  
quit as leader, Kuala Lumpur | 2002







Sacked Malaysian deputy prime minister Anwar Ibrahim, with wife Wan Azizah Wan Ismail, speaking to his supporters, Kuala Lumpur | 1998



Myanmar refugee of Rohingya ethnic minority,  
Rashidah Shukor, pausing as she talks about her plight  
coming to Malaysia 20 years ago, Kuala Lumpur | 2009





Russian Ice Spectacular performing glow-in-the-dark  
hoops, Genting Highlands, Malaysia | 2002





Body building competition, Kabul | 2002





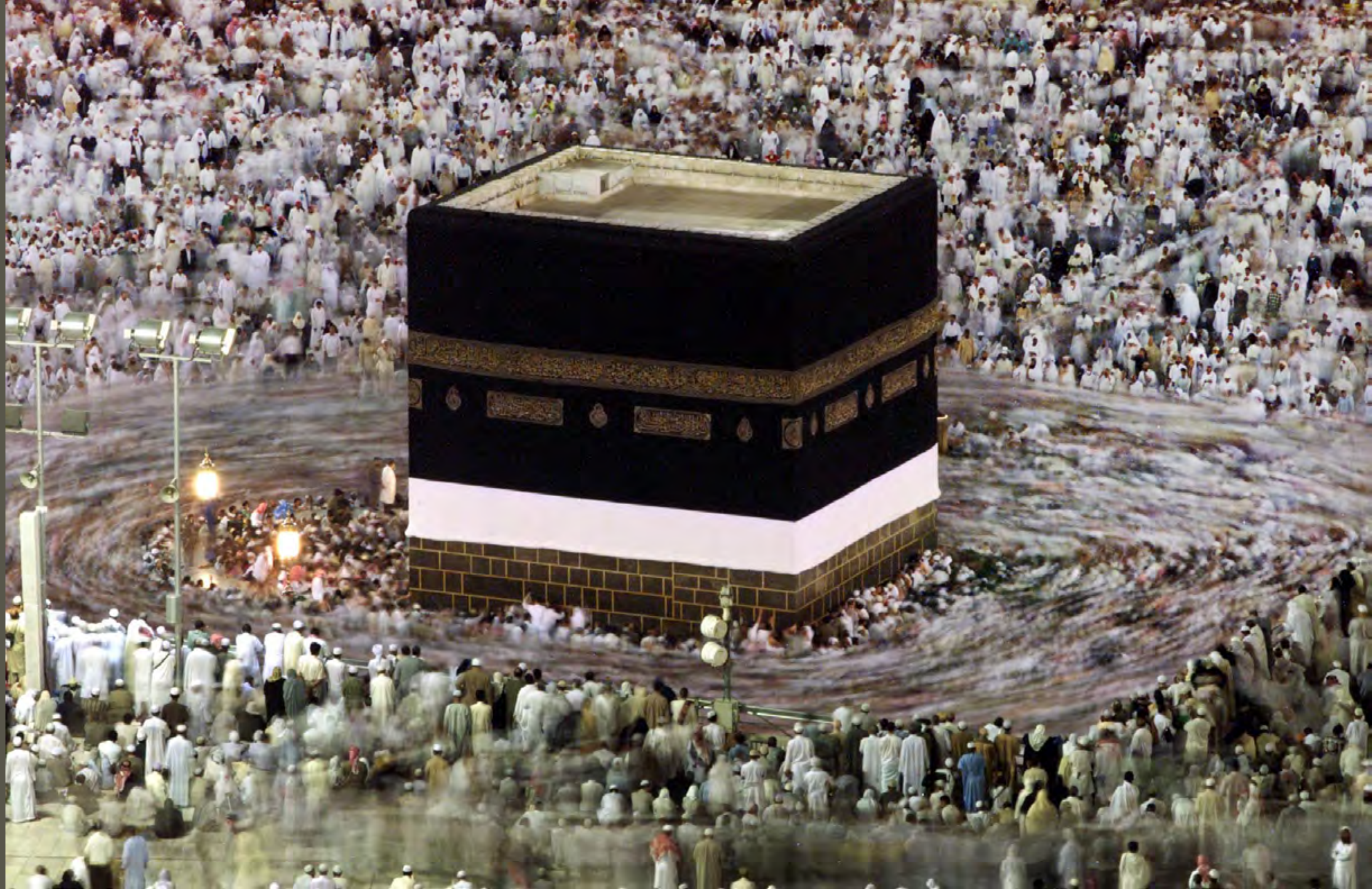




Fireworks over Malaysia's landmark Petronas Twin Towers, Kuala Lumpur | 2003







"Tawaf," circling procession  
around Kaaba, Mecca | 2002









Tsunami victim Wasana Sermsin overcoming her emotion during a prayer for Tsunami victims, Or-Bo-Tor, Thailand | 2005





F1 Sebastian Vettel  
celebrating, Sepang | 2010



"One Year In Memory of Tsunami,"  
Thailand's island of Phi Phi | 2005







Thai Muslim schoolgirls, Narathiwat | 2005





War-torn Afghanistan, Kabul | 2002











Malaysian defense forces, National  
Day Parade, Kuala Lumpur | 2008









Malaysian opposition leader Nik Aziz  
Nik Mat, Kota Bharu, Malaysia | 2004











Hairilhanis Hazri pours rose water onto his mother's grave during Eid al-Adha, Lui Barat, Malaysia | 2006



Baby turtles before being released to sea, Mai  
Daerah Turtle Sanctuary Centre, Malaysia | 2004







Miss Malaysia/World 2005  
Emmelina Ng Wei Shu reacts upon  
winning, Kuala Lumpur | 2005





"Stoning Devil" during Haj,  
Mena, outside of Mecca | 2002





Fishermen children playing soccer, Batu  
Burok fishing village, Malaysia | 2001









Prayers for Tsunami victims,  
Takua Pa, Thailand | 2005





Japan's Sayaka Sato losing,  
London Olympics | 2012









A1 GP driver Jos Verstappen of Netherlands  
on a wet track, Sepang | 2005





Cousins - Farhana, Intan and Farhan, Lui Barat, Malaysia | 2002





Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao (L) and Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Putrajaya | 2005





Multi-religious mass prayer for Tsunami victims, Takua Pa, Thailand | 2005





Grandmother Maimun Yusof distributing  
election campaign posters, Kuala  
Terengganu, Malaysia | 2008





Sugunadewi Kumaran preparing for Thaipusam,  
Batu Caves temple, Kuala Lumpur | 1999





South Korea's Lee Kyung-won  
celebrating after qualifying for  
final, Kuala Lumpur | 2010



Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak and his deputy Muhyiddin Yassin, United Malays National Organization's 63rd anniversary, Kuala Lumpur | 2009

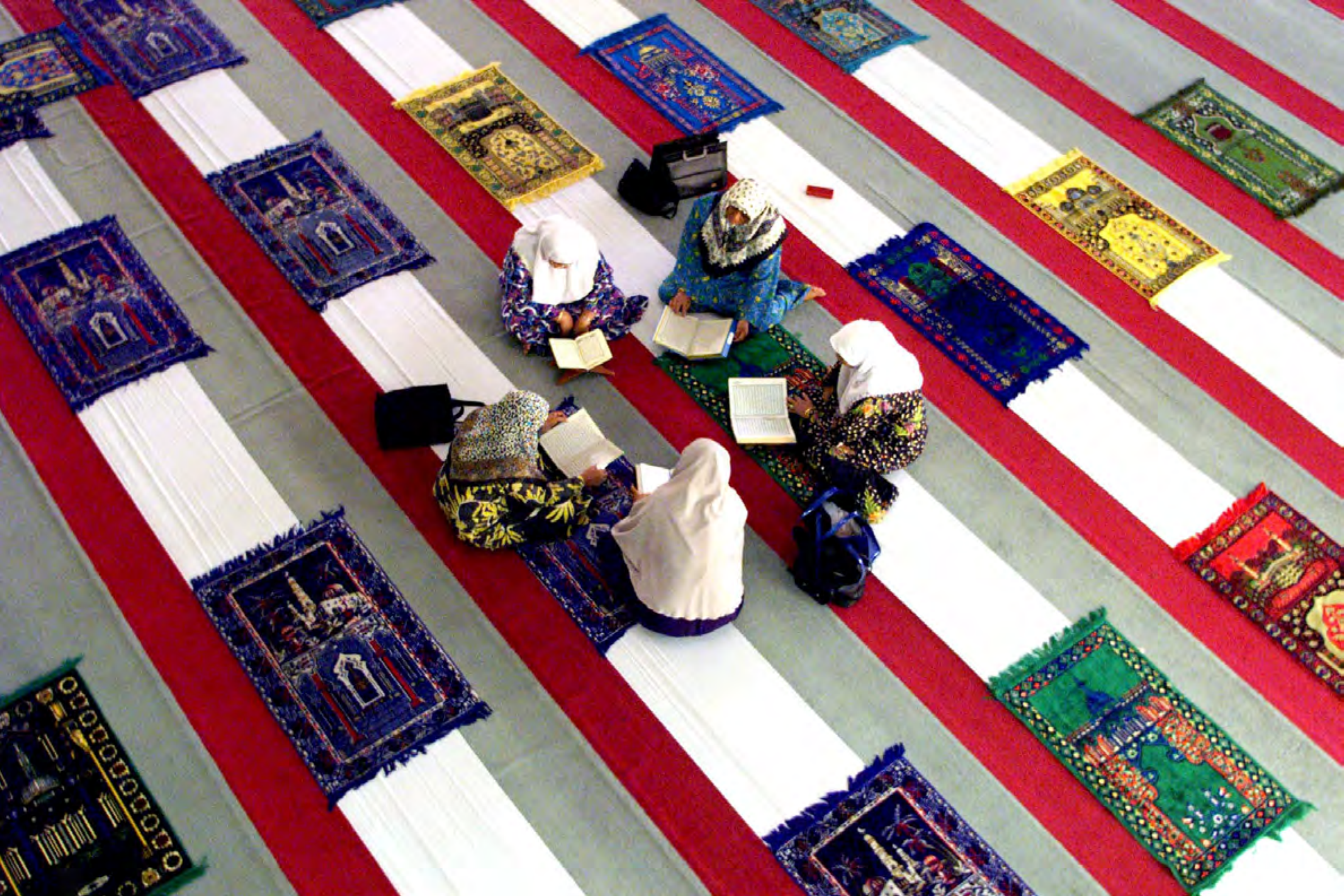






A woman looking for her family member  
after Tsunami, Thap Lamu, Thailand | 2004





Muslims reciting Koran during  
Ramadan, Kuala Lumpur | 1999





Gilera 250cc rider Marco Simoncelli of Italy celebrates his win, Sepang | 2008





Wan Azizah Wan Ismail (L), the wife of Malaysia's opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim, and her family react to a video clip showing a couple having sex in a hotel room which has been circulating on the Internet, Kuala Lumpur. Azizah was not convinced that the man in the video is her husband. Anwar described the video as "malicious slander" designed to discredit him politically | 2011









Tsunami-damaged Kamala beach,  
Phuket, Thailand | 2005







Haze covered Malaysian village of Pulau Indah | 2005





Party representative counts ballots,  
East Timor elections, Dili | 2007









Prayers for Tsunami  
victims, Patong Beach,  
Phuket, Thailand | 2005











Launch of the new Malaysian-made  
Proton Saga, Kuala Lumpur | 2008





Iraq's players celebrate after winning 2007 AFC Asian Cup semi-final against South Korea, Kuala Lumpur. South Korea's Kim Jong-woo (front) reacts to missing his penalty shot | 2007





Muslim Thai pours rosewater during Islamic  
boat blessing ceremony, "One Year In  
Memory of Tsunami" Phi Phi island | 2005



President of Malaysia's National Justice Party  
Wan Azizah Wan Ismail, Kuala Lumpur | 1999







**UMNO**



Khairy Jamaluddin celebrates after winning the elections as the chief of Malaysia's ruling United Malays National Organisation's youth wing, Kuala Lumpur | 2009





Visiting Australia's Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and his  
Malaysia's counterpart Najib Razak, Putrajaya | 2009





Tsunami, Thap Lamu, Thailand | 2004



Malaysian shuttler Lee Chong Wei celebrates upon winning to qualify for final, London Olympics | 2012















Bullet that killed his father went through the windscreen, Kabul | 2002



Prayers for Tsunami victims,  
Phuket, Thailand | 2005







Tsunami, Khao Lak beach, Thailand | 2004





Hindu festival of Kuningan, Sanur | 2007





"One-year In Memory of Tsunami",  
Phi Phi Island, Thailand | 2005





Grieving over the loss of the  
loved ones in Tsunami, Thap  
Lamu, Thailand | 2004





War-torn Afghanistan, Kabul | 2002





"One Year After Tsunami," Phi  
Phi Island, Thailand | 2002





Afghanistan notorious military commander Abdullah Shah talking to Reuters, Kabul prison. Shah has been sentenced to death by a special court for multiple kidnappings and the murder of dozens of people, including three of his wives and five children. Shah was accused of committing the crimes in the 1990s while serving wanted commander of Zardad from Hezbi-i-Islami faction led by Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, officials said. Shah, who is also known as "Zardad's Dog", denies the allegations said it was a plot by his enemies | 2002





School in Afghanistan, outside Kabul | 2002





"One Year After Tsunami", Phi  
Phi Island, Thailand | 2005





Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak on his  
100th day as the premier, Kuala Lumpur | 2009





Sending off ceremony for the  
outgoing Malaysian Prime  
Minister Abdullah Ahmad  
Badawi, Kuala Lumpur | 2009



Peter Gade of Denmark winning men's single final, Kuala Lumpur | 2007







Vendor transporting poultry, Hanoi | 2007



Malaysia's indigenous person  
of Temuan tribe, International  
Day of the World's Indigenous  
People, Shah Alam | 2009







Reciting prayers, Dili, East Timor | 2007





Candidate for Malaysian opposition National Justice Party, Nurul Izzah Anwar, Kuala Lumpur | 2008



Amie Sofia Ahmad reacting upon  
winning Malaysia's new Islamic reality  
TV show "Solehah," Kuala Lumpur | 2011











Protest against using  
English language at school,  
Kuala Lumpur | 2009









East Timorese woman,  
Hera | 2007





Newly-weds Madeasmira Ahmad Mustafa  
and Nurul Ain Rahim in a makeshift boat  
during flood, Jasin, Malaysia | 2006





Malaysia's prime minister-in-waiting Najib Razak arriving to present mini-budget 2010, parliament house, Kuala Lumpur | 2009









Boys waiting for their turn for circumcision, village  
of Kampung Nakhoda, Kuala Lumpur | 2008



Chief minister of Malaysia's state of Kelantan, Nik Aziz Nik Mat, waving after presenting his Islamic weekly sermon, Kota Bharu | 2006





A boy refusing to go through circumcision, village  
of Kampung Nakhoda, Kuala Lumpur | 2008







Shopkeeper waiting for customers  
at the Ramadan bazaar ahead of  
Eid al-Fitr, Kuala Lumpur | 2011





Malaysians of ethnic Malays and an ethnic Indian sharing a moment as they leave work, Putrajaya | 2007





Waving Malaysian flags, National Day  
celebrations, Kuala Lumpur | 2013





Arrested suspected illegal  
immigrants, Nilai, Malaysia | 2013





Myanmar refugee of the Rohingya ethnic minority, Murshidah Rofique, refugee centre, Kuala Lumpur | 2011



Offering prayers at a flooded cemetery during Eid al-Adha celebrations, Rantau Panjang, Malaysia | 2007







Cyclone Nargis survivors, village town of  
Labutta Irrawaddy Division | 2008





Hindu Diwali celebrations,  
Kuala Lumpur | 2008









Burning paper money, Chap Goh  
Meh, Dengkil, Malaysia | 2011



Silver chariot carrying statue of Lord Murugan during a 10-kilometre procession through downtown of Kuala Lumpur to Batu Caves temple, Hindu festival of Thaipusam festival | 2008







Buddha statues covered from  
floodwaters, Bangkok | 2011



Gat-Pittman vs Gibbs, high school  
football, Gatlinburg, USA | 1990







"The Most Number of Apples  
Used In Spa Therapy," Port  
Dickson, Malaysia | 2007











Sighting of the new moon of  
Ramadan, sky of Putrajaya | 2007







Louisiana State University Tigers quarterback Tommy Hudson vs  
University of Florida Gators Huey Richardson, Baton Rouge, USA | 1989





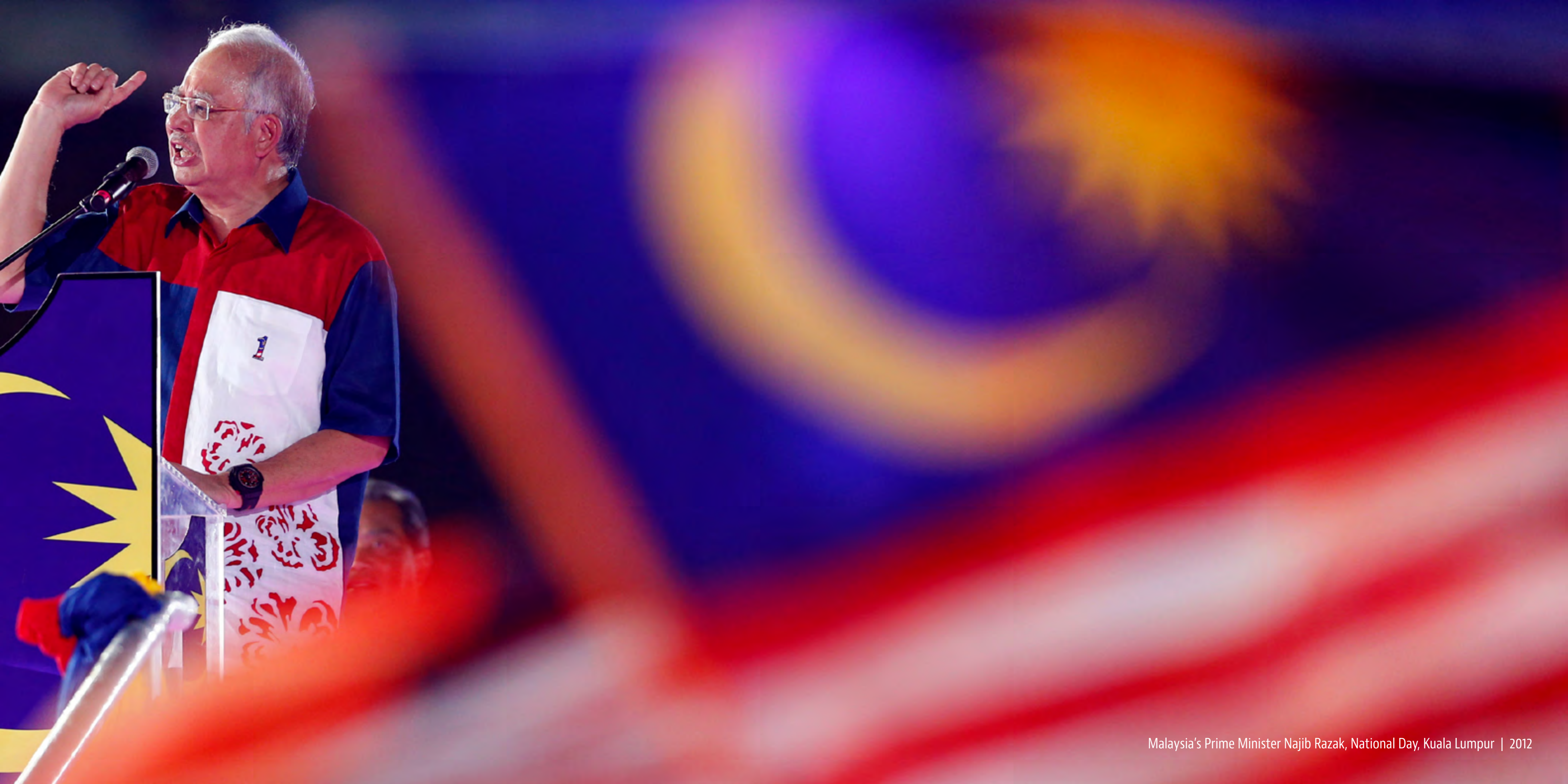














Supporters of Egypt's ousted  
Islamist President Mohamed Mursi,  
demonstration outside Egyptian  
embassy, Kuala Lumpur | 2013







Australian James Freeman, BASE  
jump, Kuala Lumpur | 2004





Muslims performing prayer,  
Putrajaya | 2002



Hindu religious leader chanting  
mantras, Agni Hotra ritual prayer,  
Kuala Lumpur | 2000







Malaysian hand-painted  
batik, Kuala Lumpur | 1999



Malaysia's Azamuddin Mohd Akil  
celebrating his goal, AFF Suzuki Cup,  
Kuala Lumpur | 2012





"Tsunami" with its eye tracking equipment,  
to study eye movements to explain the visual  
brain and improve the lives of captive bred  
animals, National Zoo, Kuala Lumpur | 2012

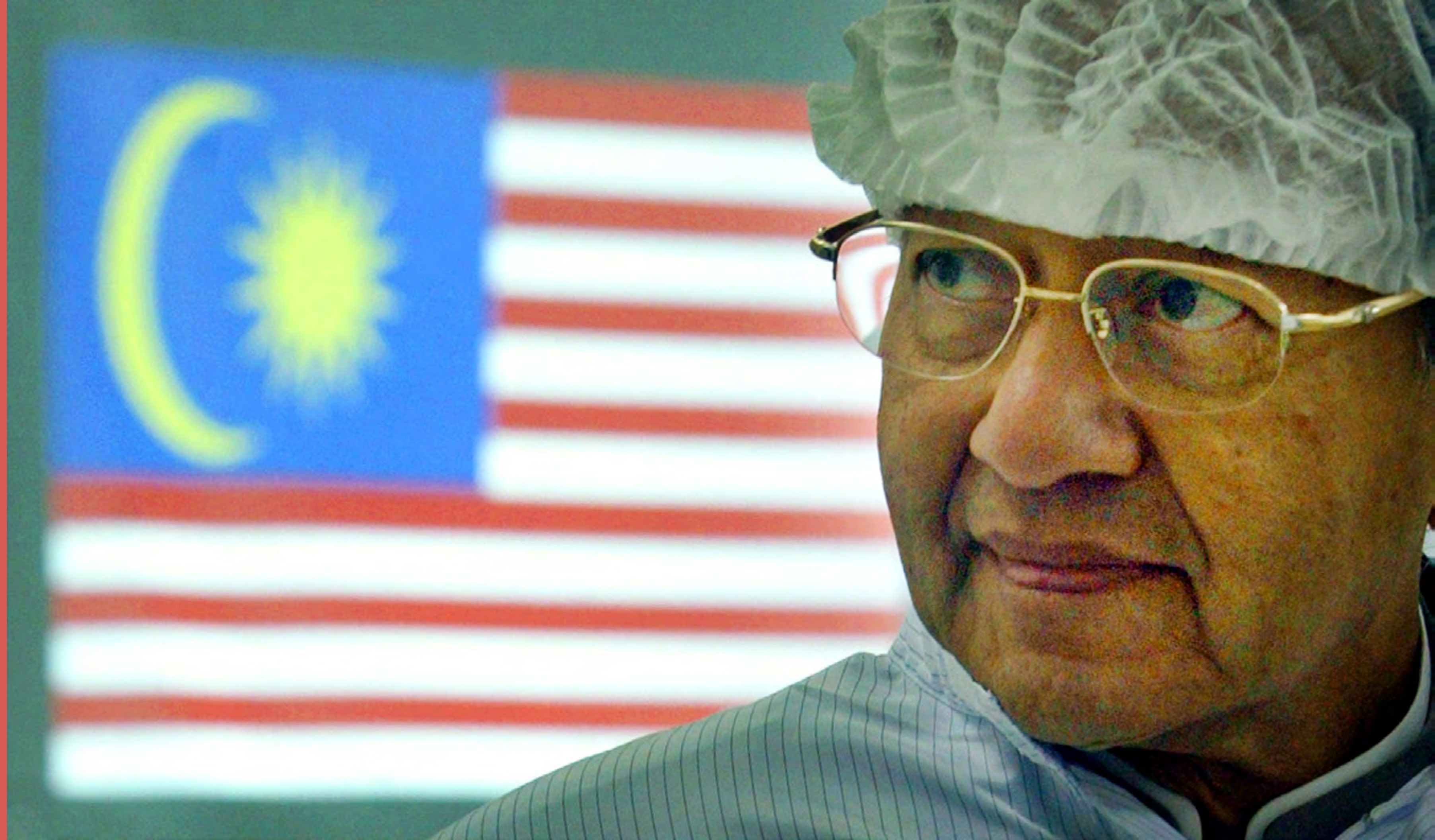






Playing sparkler ahead of Eid al-Fit, Seremban, Malaysia | 2002





Against a display of Malaysian flag, Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad visiting a space satellite company, Kuala Lumpur | 2003





Malaysia's de facto opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim, Shah Alam, Malaysia | 2008





The new Sultan of Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah, walking down the podium after the royal bathing ceremony, Klang, Malaysia | 2003

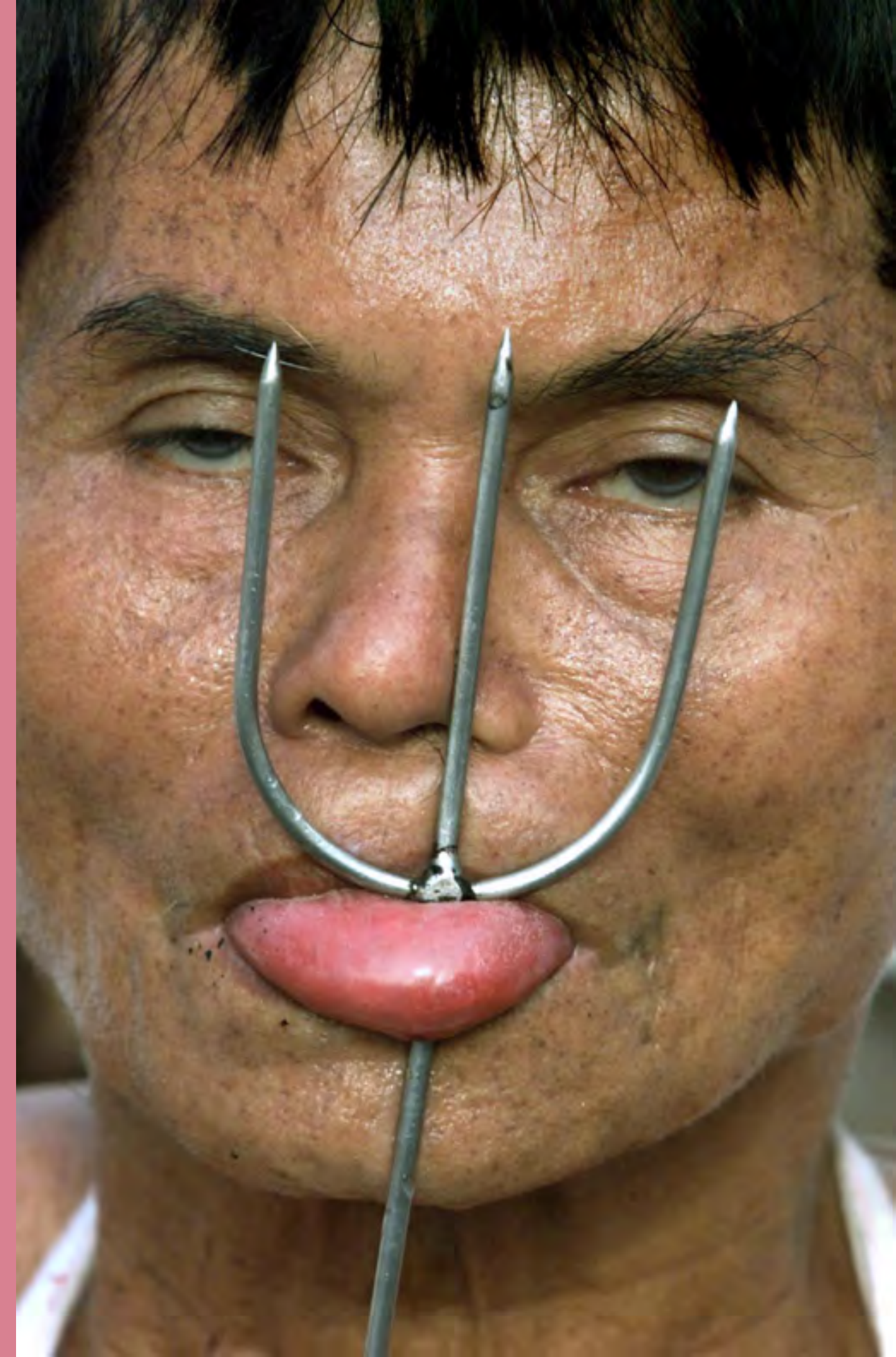




A Malaysian Chinese reciting prayers as the  
'Wangkang' or 'King's boat' is burned on the  
shore of the Strait of Malacca, Malaysia | 2001



Malaysian Chinese, in a trance while his tongue is pierced with a trident, joining the 'Wangkang' or 'King's Boat' procession, Malacca, Malaysia | 2001







Afghan girl, Shekeeba, 11, street of Kabul | 2002





"The floating mosque," Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia | 2004





Malaysia's Azammuddin Mohd Akil celebrating  
his goal against Indonesia during AFF Suzuki  
Cup Group B soccer match, Kuala Lumpur | 2012





Thai Muslims chatting as they wait for the train to depart, Pattani | 2004





Half moon hanging over Malaysia's landmark Seri Wawasan Bridge on a clear sunset sky of Putrajaya | 2004





Bodies of victims from Tsunami lying on the Thailand's Khao Lak Beach | 2004



An elderly Thai wiping his tears as he recites  
a prayer in front of his family member's  
coffin died in Tsunami, Thap Lamu | 2004







A Thai student yawning during a morning gathering during the first day of school on the Tsunami-hit Thai island of Phuket | 2005





Thai girl Sittee Sorsang reciting a prayer  
marking the one-month anniversary of  
the Asian Tsunami, Phuket | 2005



Gilera 250cc rider Marco Simoncelli  
of Italy celebrating after winning the  
Malaysian grand prix, Sepang | 2008







Red Bull F1 team principal Christian Horner (L) embracing his driver Sebastian Vettel of Germany after they won the the South Korean F1 Grand Prix, Yeongam | 2011





A Thai Muslim woman performing prayers  
next to an anti-war banner, Pattani | 2004





Incoming Malaysia's Prime Minister  
Najib Razak (2nd L) hugging the  
outgoing Prime Minister Abdullah  
Ahmad Badawi during their United  
Malays National Organisation annual  
assembly, Kuala Lumpur | 2009





A Malaysian of Chinese ethnicity praying after  
burning joss paper money during Chinese  
Hungry Ghost Festival, Kuala Lumpur | 2013





Ferrari F1 driver Fernando Alonso of Spain celebrating after winning the Singapore F1 Grand Prix, Marina Bay | 2010



UNIT PENGURUSAN GAJAH







A paper-made replica model of a "Guardian God of Ghosts" is burnt during the Chinese Hungry Ghost Festival, Malacca | 2003





A young Malaysian blowing a giant joss stick during Chinese Hungry Ghost Festival, Malacca | 2003





Jailed former Malaysia's deputy prime minister Anwar Ibrahim is pushed in a wheelchair, Sungai Buloh Prison | 2001





A Kenyah, a former headhunting tribe, Dangah Anyit, believed to be 80, sitting at her village of Sungai Asap, Borneo island | 2003



A Muslim reciting a prayer at Jabal al-Rahman, or the Mount of Mercy, at the center of plain Arafat, Mecca | 2002





Afghanistan policemen are seen  
through the heat of a fire which  
burning illegal drugs, Kabul | 2002







"Stoning Devils," haj, Mena | 2002









Malaysia's opposition leader Lim Guan Eng is greeted after being released from prison, Kajang | 1999





Shopping for prayers mats, Kota Bharu, Malaysia | 2003





Muslim girls peeking through a glass window, Kuala Lumpur | 2001







Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad waving the country's flag  
during a gathering with Chinese community, Putrajaya | 2001







Young Afghans covering themselves  
from cold, Kabul | 2002



AFTER TSUNAMI I AM VERY SAD,  
NOW, I COME TO SCHOOL AND  
I AM VERY HAPPY.....





Villager Zailani Sapea sitting outside her flood-damaged shophouse in Kampung Laloh, Malaysia | 2015





Former Malaysian prime minister Mahathir Mohamad speaking during a news conference, Putrajaya | 2005



A large, hand-painted banner on a white background. The word "NO" is inside a red circle on the left, and the word "WAR" is in large red letters to its right. The banner is decorated with numerous handprints in blue, red, and black paint. A shadow of a person's arm is cast across the banner from the top right.

**NO WAR**

Anti-war banner during a memorial walk marking the anniversary of the Hiroshima bombing, Kuala Lumpur | 2005





Malaysia's landmarks, Putra Mosque (L) and 'Putra Perdana' are seen on the skyline of Malaysia's administrative capital of Putrajaya | 2005





'Wild Zebra' by Shanghai Oriental City  
Dance Troupe, Kuala Lumpur | 2005



A boy playing on a swing, part of  
a sculpture by Italian artist Paolo  
Canevari, at the "Art For Andaman"  
exhibition, on tsunami-hit  
Thailand's Patong Beach | 2005





Fireworks over Malaysia's landmark, Putra Mosque, marking the 48th anniversary of its independence, Putrajaya | 2003







Thais and tourists releasing lanterns to  
commemorate the first anniversary of the  
Tsunami, Phi Phi island, Thailand | 2005



Young Malaysians of ethnic Chinese lighting candles  
during the Lantern Festival, Kuala Lumpur | 2005







A statue of Chinese Godmother Mazu is carried on a chariot during a ritual procession after Tsunami in Phuket | 2005





Sacked Malaysia's deputy prime minister Anwar Ibrahim waving to his supporters outside the courthouse, Kuala Lumpur | 1999





Young Malaysian Muslims are silhouetted as they are reciting prayers ahead of fasting month of Ramadan, Kuala Lumpur | 2001





Fireworks display over the newly launched  
National Stadium, Bukit Jalil, Malaysia | 1998



Grandfather Daud Ibrahim at his courtyard in Tendong, Malaysia | 1998





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1990 College of Design, Bachelor of Architecture, Louisiana State University, USA

experience

2016 - current : Founder / Manager, NSTP Thinking Eyes, KUALA LUMPUR

2014 - 2016 : Adviser to Photo Department, The New Straits Times Press, KUALA LUMPUR

1998 - 2014 : Chief Photographer, Reuters, KUALA LUMPUR

1992 - 1998 : Architect, Arkitek MAA, KUALA LUMPUR

1990 - 1992 : Photographer, The Knoxville Journal / The Maryville Times, TENNESSEE

1983 - 1990 : Chief Photographer, The Daily Reveille, BATON ROUGE

1983 - 1990 : Photo Editor, The Gumbo yearbook, BATON ROUGE

1983 - 1992 : Freelance photographer for UPI, Reuters, and Associated Press, NEW ORLEANS

**assignments**

London Olympics, 2012

War in Afghanistan, 2002

US President George Bush at JAPAN G8, Hokkaido, 2008

Street protest “Red Shirts” and “Yellow Shirts”, Bangkok, 2009

Cyclone Nargis, Myanmar, 2008

Floods, Bangkok, 2011

Troubles in south Thailand, 2007

One year after tsunami, Phuket, 2005

Tsunami, Thailand, 2004

Hajj, Mecca, 2002

The jailing of Malaysia’s opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim, 1998 - 2015

Formula One and MotoGP, Sepang, Singapore, South Korea, 1998 - 2013

**recognitions**

Publish Asia Award - Sports Picture of the Year, 2003

Publish Asia Award - Sports Picture of the Year, 2002

Architecture Photography Award, Malaysian Institute of Architects, 2005

Malaysia’s Tourism Award - First Prize Nature Category, 2005

Epson International Photo Contest - 2nd Prize Nature Category, 2004

Epson International Photo Contest – 3rd Prize Human Category, 2004

Second Place North America Award Student Journalism Magazine Photography, 1991

Solo Exhibition, Art of Seeing, The New Straits Times Press Gallery, 2015

Exhibition and Lectures - “The Power of Seeing”, Universiti Putra Malaysia, 2004 and 2007

Featured in Malaysia's Malay daily Berita Harian “Bazuki’s CREATIVE Images,” 2006

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