

# Letter from Tunku Abdul Rahman to Harold Macmillan on the independence of Malawi (Kuala Lumpur, 1 May 1964)


**Caption:** In a letter dated 1 May 1964 and sent to the British Prime Minister, Alec Douglas-Home, the Malaysian Prime Minister, Tunku Abdul Rahman, welcomes the forthcoming independence of Malawi (formerly Nyasaland) on 6 July 1964 and expresses his country's support for Malawi's future membership of the Commonwealth and the United Nations.

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*My dear Prime Minister*

Thank you for the message dated 12th March, 1964 which I received through your High Commissioner in Kuala Lumpur informing me that Nyasaland will achieve independence under the name of Malawi on 6th July, 1964. I note that the usual necessary constitutional processes are being carried out in the Nyasaland Legislative Assembly as well as in the British Parliament.

In this connection I wish to state that the Government of Malaysia would warmly welcome the new state of Malawi as a member of the Commonwealth. In addition my Government will only be too glad to join in sponsoring at the appropriate time in the General Assembly of the United Nations Malawi's application for membership of the United Nations.

*Yours sincerely*  
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