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This study aims to show that the Foreign Policy of Malaysia in the Mahathir Era 1981 - 2003 was determined by National Interest in the realms of politics, economics, security and society’s interests and imperatives. This is demonstrated through foreign policy postures, initiatives and outcomes that had consensus, relevance and acceptance to allow Malaysia to play a leadership role amongst the South-South countries, Islamic Ummah and East Asia (including Asean). The research indicates that domestic factors influenced the Foreign Policy of Malaysia. Idiosyncrasy and iconoclasm is not a significant factor, as there was change and continuity. Syed Hamid Albar is currently Chairman of Suruhanjaya Pengangkutan Awam Darat (SPAD), Special Envoy of Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and a Council Member of the Asian Peace and Reconciliation Council (APRC). He strongly believes that the PhD Degree gives him a better intellectual insight of the subject to appreciate its academic perspective. It is an achievement that was never expected at the age of 70.