



# INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

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## Press Release

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### **Sovereignty over Pedra Branca/Pulau Batu Puteh, Middle Rocks and South Ledge (Malaysia/Singapore)**

#### **Schedule of the public hearings which will open on Tuesday 6 November 2007**

THE HAGUE, 20 September 2007. As announced previously, the International Court of Justice (ICJ), principal judicial organ of the United Nations, will hold public hearings in the case concerning Sovereignty over Pedra Branca/Pulau Batu Puteh, Middle Rocks and South Ledge (Malaysia/Singapore) opening on Tuesday 6 November 2007, at the Peace Palace in The Hague, seat of the Court.

Judge Rosalyn Higgins, President of the Court, having considered that, in view of Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Statute of the Court, she should not take part in the decision in the case, the hearings will be presided over by Judge Awn Shawkat Al-Khasawneh, Vice-President.

#### **Schedule for the hearings**

— First round of oral argument

Tuesday 6 November 2007	10 a.m.-1 p.m.: Singapore
Wednesday 7 November 2007	10 a.m.-1 p.m.: Singapore
Thursday 8 November 2007	10 a.m.-1 p.m.: Singapore
Friday 9 November 2007	10 a.m.-1 p.m.: Singapore
Tuesday 13 November 2007	10 a.m.-1 p.m.: Malaysia
Wednesday 14 November 2007	10 a.m.-1 p.m.: Malaysia
Thursday 15 November 2007	10 a.m.-1 p.m.: Malaysia
Friday 16 November 2007	10 a.m.-1 p.m.: Malaysia

— Second round of oral argument

Monday 19 November 2007	10 a.m.-1 p.m.: Singapore
Tuesday 20 November 2007	10 a.m.-1 p.m.: Singapore
Thursday 22 November 2007	3 p.m.-6 p.m.: Malaysia
Friday 23 November 2007	3 p.m.-6 p.m.: Malaysia

History of the proceedings

The history of the proceedings can be found in Press Release No.2006/38 of 16 November 2006 available on the Court's website at [www.icj-cij.org](http://www.icj-cij.org).

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**NOTE TO THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

1. The public hearings will be held in the Great Hall of Justice of the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands. Mobile telephones and beepers are permitted in the courtroom provided they are switched off. Any offending device will be temporarily retained.

2. **Media representatives** are subject to an **accreditation procedure**, the details of which can be found in the Media Advisory attached to this Press Release.

3. Individual visitors (members of the Diplomatic Corps and the general public) are not subject to an admission procedure. However, groups of **five persons or more** are kindly requested to **give advance notification of their attendance** by filling out the relevant form on the Court's website (to the right of the screen under Calendar, click on "Attending a Hearing", then under Admission for Groups, click on "Online Application Form").

4. Verbatim records of the hearings will be published daily on the Court's website, with translations to follow as soon as practicable thereafter.

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