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Mr. Ali Alatas, the former Foreign Minister of the Republic of Indonesia (1988-1999), has passed away on Thursday, 11 December 2008 in Mount Elizabeth Hospital, Singapore of a heart attack at the age of 76.

Throughout his career, Foreign Minister Alatas, a prominent Indonesian diplomat, had been very active in mediating peace in Cambodia (1990) and Philippine (1993-1996), and was known for his leadership in promoting cooperation among developing countries through Non-Align Movement, G-77, Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), G-15 and many other international organisations. Mr. Alatas also played key role in the development of Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN), and even after he had retired he played critical role in the drafting of the ASEAN Charter. In 2003, Mr. Alatas was appointed as the United Nations (UN) special envoy and became the first Special envoy to be allowed access into Myanmar to negotiate with Myanmar's Government the release of Aung San Suu Kyi. Until his demise, Mr. Alatas was chairman of President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono's Presidential Advisory Council.

In honour of the former Foreign Minister Alatas, the Embassy will open a book of condolence at *the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia, 51 Mudroňova, Bratislava*, at the following times:

Monday,	15 December 2008,	12.00 – 15.00
Tuesday,	16 December 2008,	10.00 – 12.00

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