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H.E. Mr. Abdurrahman Wahid, the Former President of the Republic of Indonesia from 1999 to 2001 and a prominent Muslim religious and political leader has passed away on Wednesday, 30 December 2009 in Cipto Mangunkusumo Hospital, Jakarta at the age of 69.

Mr. Wahid, born in Jombang, East Java , known as **Gus Dur** was the long-time Chairman of the Nahdatul Ulama (1984-1999), the biggest Muslim organization in Indonesia and the founder of the National Awakening Party (PKB). He was the 4th Indonesian President and was the first democratically elected president of Indonesia after the resignation of Soeharto in 1998.

He studied at the University of Al-Azhar, Cairo, Egypt (1964-1966) and University Baghdad (1966-1970). He started his career as a Dean of Faculty of Law and Philosophy, University of Hasyim Ashari, Jakarta, head of the Religious Conference and World Peace in 1994; and member of Indonesia Consultative Assembly (MPR, 1999).

In honour of the Former President Wahid, the Embassy will open a book of condolence at the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia, Brnianska 31, Bratislava, at the following times:

Monday, 04 January 2010, 10.00-13.00 and 15.00-17.00

Tuesday, 05 January 2010, 10.00-13.00 and 15.00-17.00

Bratislava, January 3, 2010