

*Minister Mentor
Singapore*

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Dear Ibu Junisa

It was with great sadness that I learned of the demise of Pak Ali Alatas.

Pak Ali and I are old friends. I respected him as an outstanding diplomat and a statesman. In his many years as Indonesia's Foreign Minister from 1988 to 1999, Pak Ali had presented Indonesia's position ably and deftly, especially at the UN. He played a key role in ASEAN's development. He made significant contributions to his country, to the region and to bilateral ties between Indonesia and Singapore.

Please accept my deepest condolences to you and your family.

Yours sincerely,



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