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Suharto expresses regrets to Dr M

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - President Suharto of Indonesia is recuperating from fatigue and expressed regrets for not being able to attend the second Asean informal summit here from tomorrow.

Indonesian Foreign Minister Ali Alatas who arrived here this morning said he had handed a letter from Suharto on this to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"The President has begun recuperating from the recent long journey and doctors have told him not to make any tiring journeys," he told reporters after meeting Dr Mahathir this morning.

Alatas said Suharto had been preparing to participate actively in the informal summit which the President regarded as an important event.

"That it coincides with the 30th Asean anniversary makes the summit even more important."

Alatas said Suharto's condition was largely due to fatigue.

He said the president "looked well" when he appeared on Indonesian television yesterday.

Indonesia's State Secretariat Minister Murdiono was quoted on Friday on in Jakarta as saying that Suharto would not attend the summit as he had been advised by his doctors to cancel the trip as it would be too tiring for him.

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