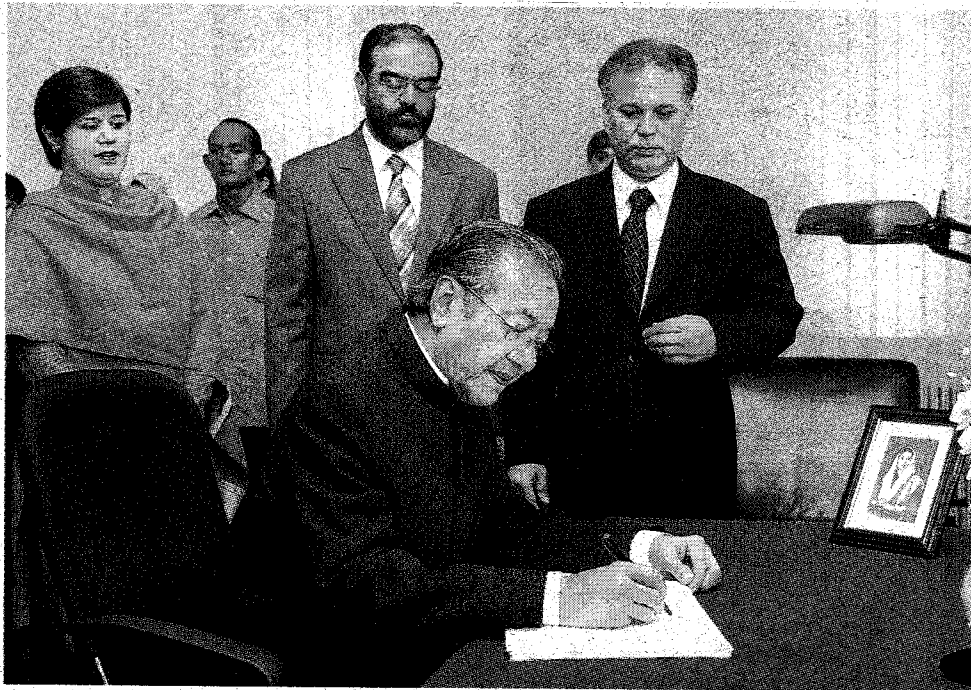

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Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad signing the condolence book, observed by Pakistani acting high commissioner Mohammad Jamshaid Iftikhar (right).

Dr M signs condolence book, hopes for peace

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KUALA LUMPUR: Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said he was saddened by the death of Benazir Bhutto and hoped that peace will once again reign in Pakistan.

He hoped the violence that flared since the assassination of the former Pakistani premier would come to an end soon.

"I hope the government can bring back peace to the country," he said at the Pakistan High Commission here yesterday, after signing the condolence book that was opened on the death of Benazir.

Accompanied by his wife, Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, the couple was met by

Pakistani acting high commissioner Mohammad Jamshaid Iftikhar.

Benazir, 54, leader of the opposition Pakistan People's Party, was killed in a suicide attack in Rawalpindi on Dec 27.

Responding to questions, he said, he was ready to meet with the Anti-Corruption Agency as part of its investigations into the V.K. Lingam video clip.

"If they call me, I'll go," he said.

On Dec 21, three officers from the ACA headquarters in Putrajaya recorded a statement from him for about an hour at his Perdana Leadership Foundation office.