

## **GROUP BRAVERY CITATION**

**Awardees comprise personnel of the Australian Embassy in Jakarta.**

**Mr Alex ARENA**

*(added to the Group Bravery Citation awarded and gazetted on 29 August 2005)*

On the morning of 9 September 2004 a bomb exploded some four metres from the front gates of the Australian Embassy in Jakarta, killing eleven people and causing considerable damage to the Embassy and its grounds.

In the immediate aftermath of the explosion, when it was widely believed that there was still the possibility of further explosions and when the extent of damage to the building was unknown, a number of Embassy personnel, both Australian citizens on posting and locally engaged staff, put aside concerns for their own safety and acted to ensure the safety of others and to secure the site against further attack. Some who were on-site went immediately to the front of the Embassy compound and stayed there to help the injured; others who were off-site made a deliberate decision to go from a place of safety to the Embassy compound to provide assistance, and others stayed inside the potentially unstable building to evacuate others before themselves.

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