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In memory of Rajko Mitic

Dear President, *dear friend,*

It is with great sadness in my heart that I write to you today, having learned of the passing of the former international player and coach Rajko Mitic.

Rajko Mitic will always be remembered for his outstanding contribution to football during his entire life. He was an international football star for many years, both with the former Yugoslavian national team as well as at club level, in particular with FK Crvena Zvezda.

Among his great performances as a player, he won five domestic titles and four Yugoslavian Cups with FK Crvena Zvezda, played in the 1950 and 1954 FIFA World Cups and was a silver medalist at the 1948 and 1952 Olympic Football Tournaments.

He then moved to a successful coaching career where he won many titles with FK Crvena Zvezda and was also the coach of Yugoslavia when the team finished runners-up at the 1968 UEFA European Championship.

On behalf of FIFA and the worldwide family of football, I wish to extend our condolences to you, to everyone at the Football Association of Serbia and, most importantly, to Rajko Mitic's family, friends and loved ones.

Please let them know that today the football community stands by their side. We would hope that in some way, our words of support may help bring a little peace and solace in this time of sadness.

Yours respectfully,

Joseph S. Blatter