

# Mandela is fighting for justice, says Dr Mahathir

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fighting for what was just and right.

The Prime Minister said Mr Mandela believed that the majority of the people should decide their form of Government. That is why Malaysia has consistently supported the struggle of black people of South Africa.

Dr Mahathir said Malaysia alone could not be effective in applying pressure against the racist Government of South Africa.

He said that when the Commonwealth countries joined in applying sanctions against Pretoria, the Government in that country began to feel the strain.

"The world today has awakened to the oppressive Government of South Africa and, as a result, it has decided to abandon this racial discrimination and to act more like civilised people. We feel very happy about this. But we do not think this is enough."

Dr Mahathir said Malay-

sia was aware that some felt the action taken was strong enough and the time had come to ease sanctions against South Africa.

"But we are not convinced," he said.

Dr Mahathir said South Africa was similar to Malaysia in terms of the multi-racial composition of the population.

Malaysia, he added, had enjoyed racial harmony and peace except for an incident in 1969.

Dr Mahathir was confident that Mr Mandela, who believes in racial co-operation, would, together with others, be able to lead the country so that peace would prevail.

He also said Malaysia awaits the day when free South Africa joins the Commonwealth group.

"We are willing to be the people to propose South Africa be made a member of the grouping, so that together we can make the Commonwealth more meaningful," Dr Mahathir said.

# Sanctions must continue, says PM

By Nuraina Samad

**KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. — Malaysia will continue to press for continued sanctions against South Africa besides speaking out against apartheid in every forum, including the Commonwealth and the United Nations, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.**

He added: "We feel sanctions must go on until all the (black) people are liberated. We will apply and urge others to apply as much pressure as possible against the Government of South Africa."

Dr Mahathir was speaking at a rally at Stadium Negara to mark the visit of black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela, who will be here for four days.

In a speech punctuated with applause, Dr Mahathir said Malaysia, which had championed the anti-apartheid cause since 1961, had "lost a lot of money" because of the sanctions.

Dr Mahathir said: "We have no diplomatic or commercial ties with

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South Africa, although we know that some of the produce imported from here are re-directed to South Africa ... we have lost a lot of money.

"But we have no regrets. We believe it is a worthwhile sacrifice ... what we're doing is not only for the good of the blacks but also for democracy."

In a tribute to the African National Congress deputy president, who was in political detention for 27 years, Dr Mahathir described him as a "giant of a man, steadfast in his struggle".

"He is a man who has withstood all kinds of oppression, who has been steadfast in the struggle to achieve equality for the people of South Africa."

Dr Mahathir said Mr Mandela had emerged from the political wilderness "neither broken nor beaten". He remains strong in his belief that the multi-racial people of South Africa should be equal before the law and free from apartheid.

He said Mr Mandela was not a racialist who wanted to oppress other races and establish black supremacy. Neither was he "anti-white because they are white", he added.

"He believes that the wealth of South Africa should be shared equally by its citizens."

Dr Mahathir said Mr Mandela was not a revolutionary who just wanted to topple the Government but was

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