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KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 6⁹ (Bernama) -- Pakistan has officially asked for Malaysia's support for its peace effort to end the Gulf war, the Foreign Ministry said today.

An official told Bernama that a special envoy of the Pakistan Prime Minister conveyed the request to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday.

Pakistan Federal Minister of Railways, Mir Hazar Khan, met with Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir at the Prime Minister's Department and handed over a letter from Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif.

The envoy, who was accompanied by a high-level delegation comprising a Senator, Member of Parliament and a senior official from the Pakistan Foreign Ministry, left for Brunei this afternoon.

Informed sources said Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir told the envoy that Malaysia appreciated and supported Pakistan's effort. -- more

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The Prime Minister also told the envoy that any initiative or solution to the crisis must include the withdrawal of Iraqi forces from Kuwait, according to the sources.

He said Malaysia could not remain indifferent to the mass destruction and loss of human lives in the Gulf.

Pakistan is seeking support of Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) countries to hold a Foreign Minister level meeting in Islamabad to discuss the Gulf war and to eventually form a peace committee to initiate an end to the war.

Pakistan, which sent a contingent to fight alongside the US-led coalition forces in the war, also sent special envoys to Africa, the Middle East and South Asia to obtain a consensus of Islamic countries on the possibility of holding a peace summit in Islamabad. -- Bernama

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