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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 9, (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed has conveyed a message to South African leader Nelson Mandela, reiterating Malaysia's continuing and unwavering support for an early and complete dismantling of apartheid in South Africa.

The message was conveyed by his special envoy, former Foreign Minister Tan Sri Ghazali Shafie, who met Mandela in Rio de Janeiro last Tuesday during the latter's visit to Brazil, a Wisma Putra statement said today.

The message, among other things, also stated +Malaysia's readiness to contribute material and other assistance in the future development of a democratic, united and apartheid-free South Africa+, it added.

A staunch anti-apartheid nation, Malaysia has taken a visible stance on the return of Pretoria to black majority rule.

Last November, the Prime Minister hosted Mandela's visit to Malaysia. The black African leader was later elected president of the African National Congress (ANC). -- Bernama

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