

# *Cuban Vice President Visits Apartheid Museum in South Africa*

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Johannesburg, May 26 (RHC)-- Cuban Vice President Salvador Valdés Mesa paid a visit on Sunday to the Apartheid Museum in Johannesburg, with other members of the Cuban delegation on official visit to South Africa.

Valdes Mesa began an official visit to South Africa on Friday to attend the inauguration of the President of the Republic of South Africa, Jacob Zuma. The Cuban delegation is also composed of Brigadier General Arnaldo Tamayo Méndez, and Gerardo Penalver Portal, Director General of Bilateral Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Cuba.

In the Apartheid Museum, the vice president learned firsthand about testimonies and evidence of the long years of struggle of the South African people against the apartheid regime, imposed on the country by a white minority government since 1948, under the indifferent watch of the Western world.

Over the weekend, Valdés Mesa held a meeting with South African President Jacob Zuma, to whom he conveyed a

congratulatory message sent by Cuban President Raul Castro.

"It was a very fraternal meeting, mirroring the historical and sincere friendship between our two sister nations, we are very happy and satisfied with this meeting with Zuma," the Cuban vice president told Prensa Latina news agency.

Cuba and South Africa established diplomatic relations in 1994. Since then this links have been strengthened through various diplomatic contacts and agreements, as well as by cooperation projects, particularly in the fields of health and education.

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