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ideology has not got to Umno^(P)

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. — The activities of Siddiq Mohamed Ghouse do not, in any way, mean that Umno has been influenced by communist ideology, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

He said no other Umno member was involved with Siddiq's activities.

In an interview with *Berita Harian*, the Deputy Prime Minister said: "I am convinced that Siddiq's activities has not affected Umno as he carried them out not because of ideology but for financial motives."

Moscow mum

The Malaysian Embassy in Moscow has so far not received any response from the Soviet authorities on the expulsion of the three KGB agents.

The Malaysian Ambassador to the Soviet Union, Mr K. Tharmaratnam, said in a telephone interview today that "business" was as usual there.

"We have received absolutely no response from the Soviet government on this," he said.

He also said there were no signs of any reprisal from the Soviet Union over the expulsion.

Mr Tharmaratnam said the expulsion of Second Secretary (Political) V.P. Romanov, First Secretary (Consul) G.I. Stepanov and non-diplomatic staffer Z.L. Khamidouline had also not been reported in the Soviet media.

On whether the three KGB agents had arrived in Moscow, Mr Tharmaratnam said: "No, not to my knowledge."