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KUALA LUMPUR, JULY 15 (BERNAMA) — (DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD) SAID TODAY SECURITY SCREENING OF OFFICERS APPOINTED TO POLITICAL POSITIONS WILL NOT ENSURE THAT UNDESIRABLE INCIDENTS WILL NOT OCCUR.

SUCH SCREENINGS, HE ADDED, WOULD NOT COMPLETELY ENSURE THAT SUCH UNDESIRABLE EVENTS WOULD NOT TAKE PLACE.

HE SAID THIS WHEN ASKED WHETHER SCREENING OF OFFICERS WOULD TAKE PLACE FOLLOWING THE ARREST OF HIS FORMER POLITICAL SECRETARY, SIDDIQ GHOUSE, FOR BEING AN AGENT OF THE RUSSIAN KGB.

HE SAID: WE CAN CARRY OUT THE SCREENING BUT WE CANNOT ENSURE THAT THESE UNDESIRABLE INCIDENTS WILL NOT OCCUR.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, WHO WILL TAKE OVER AS PRIME MINISTER TOMORROW, DECLINED TO COMMENT ON HIS NEW CABINET LINE-UP WHICH HE WILL MAKE KNOWN THIS MONDAY. — BERNAMA MORE 2003/ZCM

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WAIT FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT, HE SAID.

HE ALSO DECLINED TO COMMENT ON WHETHER TENGKU RAZALEIGH HANZAH WOULD REMAIN IN THE CABINET.

BE PATIENT AND WAIT UNTIL MONDAY, HE REITERATED. — BERNAMA