

Ukraine denies radar deal with Malaysia

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KIEV (Ukraine). Ukraine's state arms export company today denied reports of a deal with Malaysia to jointly produce a sophisticated radar system that the US had accused Kiev of illegally exporting to Iraq before the war.

In a statement Ukrspetsexport, the country's arms export monopoly, said that "no memorandum or other document whatsoever" was signed concerning joint production of Kolchuha radar defence systems during a visit by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad last month.

The US claimed in September to have verified evidence that President Leonid Kuchma approved the sale of four Kolchuha radar systems to Iraq in July 2000 in violation of United Nations sanctions. Kuchma denied the accusation. — AP