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Britain has no intention of inciting a revolution in Iran or any other activity which would undermine that country, the Foreign Office has said.

And a spokesman said the trial of a British embassy worker in Tehran, accused of spying and inciting unrest, was due to "gross misinterpretation".

UK Foreign Secretary David Miliband has described the charges against Iranian Hossein Rassam as unjustified.

Nine embassy officials were held after protests over June's election result.

There were demonstrations in Tehran and other cities when President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was returned for a second term in office.

'No contradiction'

The Foreign Office said Mr Rassam's trial rested on "a gross



Hossein Rassam is one of nine UK embassy staff currently on trial



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demonstrations.

Opposition candidate Mir Hossein Mousavi said the vote was rigged in favour of Mr Ahmadinejad, a claim rejected by the president and Iran's main election body, the Council of Guardians.

Anger at the result led to the largest mass protests seen in Iran since the revolution in 1979 which brought the current Islamic regime to power.

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