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Despite the chaos in Arab world, President Sadat looked for the chance of counterattack against Israel. First of all, he expelled the USSR military advisory group. The USSR, which penetrated deeply into Egyptian regime during the Nasser era, aimed to implant the socialistic revolution to the Arab world. Marxist South Yemen realized USSR's intention. But the socialist ideology did not take root among Arab countries. Before socialist ideology would become dominant, the Arab world had already been caught up not only by the inherent bond of "blood" like a tribe or ethnic group but also by the lullaby of "religion" of Islam. There was little room for "ideology" which would be taught in higher education. It looked like impossible for Arabs to implant socialist ideology.

There was another reason why Sadat tried to weaken the influence of USSR. He was eager to modernize the armament of the Egyptian army with American weapons. As long as they depend on weapons made in USSR, they could not compete with Israel at all. Sadat tried to approach the United States after expelling the USSR military advisory group. For the military personnel like Sadat, the greatest mission was to win the war. Their way of thinking was sometimes more rational than non-military personnel.

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