

RUSSIA 'WORRIED' BY IRAN WAR RISK

Sept 18, 07. Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov has expressed fears over the threat of war in Iran after talks with his French counterpart, Bernard Kouchner.

Iran's nuclear programme is topping the agenda of their meeting in Moscow.

On Sunday, Mr Kouchner raised tensions with Iran, saying: "We have to prepare for the worst, and the worst is war."

The head of the UN nuclear watchdog, Mohamed El Baradei, has said force should only be used as a last resort to resolve the dispute.

Mr Lavrov said there was no military solution to any modern problem, including Iran's uranium-enrichment programme.

"We are worried by reports that there is serious consideration being given to military action in Iran," Mr Lavrov said.

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