

# Modi's UAE visit to focus on energy security: MEA

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the United Arab Emirates this week will focus on strengthening India's energy security and enhancing trade and co-operation amid continuing tensions in West Asia, the Ministry of External Affairs said on Tuesday.

On whether India was adopting a new policy on buying oil from Russia despite the sanctions, MEA Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said India will continue to source oil based on the energy security needs and interests of its 1.4 billion people.

Earlier in the day, Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri refuted reports on India refusing a LNG consignment from Russia. "We have never imported LNG from Russia," the Minister said at the CII Annual Summit.