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MOSCOW (Reuters) - Russia said it opposed any UN Security Council resolution on Syria, stepping up its threat to veto a Western-backed draft condemning the country's crackdown on protesters. "Russia is against any UN Security Council resolution on Syria," Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman Alexander Lukashevich told journalists at a briefing in Moscow.

"We do not believe the Syrian issue is a subject for consideration by the Security Council, let alone the adoption of some kind of resolution," he said. "The situation in this country, in our view, does not present a threat to international peace and security."

Britain, France, Germany and Portugal have floated a new resolution condemning Syria at the UN Security Council as the United States and its allies seek to raise the pressure on Syria to end its violent crackdown on anti-government protesters.

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