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## **RUSSIAN STANCE ON CORRIDOR THROUGH ARMENIA 'CLARIFIED TO IRAN'**

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Russia said on Wednesday that it has clarified to Iran its renewed calls for a transport corridor to Azerbaijan's Nakhichevan exclave passing through Armenia which have prompted angry reactions from Tehran.

We are in constant contact with our [Iranian] partners, said Maria Zakharova, the Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman. We have provided all the necessary clarifications on this matter. We assume that the arguments presented by us have been heard and accepted in Tehran.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov sparked the Iranian uproar with his August 19 statement accusing Armenia of sabotaging a Russian-brokered agreement to build a highway and railway connecting Nakhichevan to the rest of Azerbaijan via Syunik, the only Armenian province bordering Iran.

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