

Chavez to Visit Russia

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CARACAS, Venezuela — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez is planning to visit Russia, Belarus and Iran to reinforce ties with some of his close allies.

Chavez says he expects to travel to Moscow next week to cement a series of accords on trade and technology. He did not give details Sunday.

Chavez has cultivated close ties with Moscow while buying billions of dollars in Russian arms.

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