

Bushehr nuclear plant

Russia says it will not start a nuclear reactor at Iran's Bushehr atomic power station by the end of the year as planned, citing technical reasons



Bushehr: Two pressurised water reactors

Cost: \$1bn

■ **1974:** Building of Bushehr plant by German firm Siemens begins

■ **1979-95:** Work stops after Iran's Islamic revolution and 1980-88 Iran-Iraq war

■ **1995:** Russia agrees to build plant

■ **2007:** Russia and Iran finalise construction timetable

■ **Nov 16, 2009:** Opening of plant delayed again after Russia and U.S. warning that time is running out for talks over Iran's nuclear programme