

Global Conflict 'Russians' Greatest Fear' — Poll

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Potential global conflict is Russians' greatest fear, <u>a report by state-run pollster the Russian Public Opinion Research Center (VTsIOM)</u> has announced.

VTsIOM's annual "fear index" rates common anxieties among the⊠Russian population from 100 to −100.

Global tensions, conflict and war took the top slot as Russians' main worry with a ranking of 25 points, up from 11 points in October last year.

Anxiety on domestic issues was also reported as being on the rise. ■Concerns linked to inflation and rising prices came in second place ■with 16 points, while the fear of crime surged by five points.

Some 1,600 people were interviewed for the index in 130 Russian⊠settlements. The margin of

error does not exceed 3.5 percent.

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