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SERBIAN DEFENSE MINISTER SPEAKS AT MOSCOW CONFERENCE

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It is Serbia's priority to improve bilateral military cooperation through joint exercises and trainings with all our foreign partners, strengthen regional cooperation and step up participation in multinational operations under the auspices of the UN and EU," the Serbian defense minister said in Moscow on Thursday.

He was addressing the 5th Moscow Conference on International Security.

In his speech titled Global Security and Military Cooperation, he concluded that the unchanged foreign policy position and consistent adherence to the fundamental principles in international cooperation make the Republic of Serbia a reliable and desirable partner in the field of military cooperation.

On the sidelines of the conference, Djordjevic also met with the Belarus and Armenian defense ministers.

The Moscow security conference, which ends on Thursday, has brought together 52 military delegations with around 700 participants from 80 countries, including 19 defense ministers.

Serbia will try to solve the problem of illegal migration together with the European Union, and it will support the common European position on the matter, Djordjevic said earlier in the day.

The threat posed by illegal migration is real for all European countries, Djordjevic told TASS in an interview.

"This problem is acute for Europe in general and for Serbia in particular," the minister said.

One of the migration routes went through the territory of Serbia - the so-called Balkan route, he said.

"After this route was closed, another problem arose - movement across the country and the EU of illegal migrants that had already entered the territory," Djordjevic noted, adding that 650 illegal migrants have already requested asylum in Serbia.

The Serbian government is watching developments closely - we will resolve this issue together with our EU partners and support the common EU position on this, Djordjevic said.

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