
TURKEY, IRAQ TO LAUNCH JOINT MILITARY EXERCISE

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Announcement of joint exercise on Turkish-Iraqi border comes after controversial referendum takes place in northern Iraq

Turkey and Iraq will launch a joint military exercise on the Turkish-Iraqi border on Tuesday following a controversial referendum in northern Iraq, according to the Turkish military late Monday.

Turkey started its military manoeuvres in southeastern Silopi region on Sept. 18, a week ahead of the referendum on independence in northern Iraq.

On Monday, Iraqis in areas held by the Kurdish Regional Government (KRG) -- and in a handful of territories disputed between Erbil and Baghdad -- voted to decide whether to secede from Iraq.

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