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## CHINA'S JOINT MILITARY DRILLS WITH SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS

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*Beijings primary objective is to make sure its neighbors are not aligned with the United States against China.*

China is employing joint military exercises as a foreign policy tool to convey its friendship and strengthen military ties with neighboring nations amid intensifying strategic competition with the United States in the Asia-Pacific region. This approach is driven by one of Beijing`s primary concerns: the potential for its neighbors to side with the United States against China at critical moments.

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