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**DEFENSE MINISTER: WE ARE DISCUSSING A RESPONSE TO RUSSIA'S ACTIONS IN THE BULGARIAN EXCLUSIVE ZONE IN THE BLACK SEA**

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"In recent months, Russia has used the Black Sea and Bulgaria's exclusive economic zone for military exercises, so our country is discussing various options for a response - from diplomatic to the accelerated acquisition of coastal missile complexes".

Defense Minister Todor Tagarev stated this on the National Television. He specified that the main response will not be independent, but jointly with NATO allies.

"Since mid-July, Russia has been warning that it will conduct firing exercises in part of the Bulgarian exclusive economic zone. Thus, it is blocking the normal commercial traffic corridors, which means that it is dangerous for us to use this zone economically."

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