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## **RUSSIA AND TAJIKISTAN BEGIN JOINT MILITARY DRILLS ALONG AFGHANISTAN'S BORDER**

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In response to escalating terrorism threats, the Russian Defense Ministry announced the commencement of joint military exercises with Tajikistan along the Afghanistan border.

Tajik media, referencing the Russian Defense Ministrys announcement, reported that forces from Russias 201st Military Base stationed in Tajikistan are participating in the drills. The base is the largest Russian military facility outside its borders.

The exercises involve mountain troops, tank units, artillery, intelligence sectors, specialists in chemical attack defense, electronic warfare security, and helicopter crews from both nations.

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