

## Pakistan-Russia joint anti-terrorism drill concludes with military show of solidarity



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The Pakistan-Russia joint counter-terrorism exercise, Druzhba-VII, concluded on Friday with a closing ceremony at the National Counter Terrorism Centre (NCTC) in Pabbi, where military officials from both nations lauded the exercise as a successful demonstration of tactical skills and inter-military cooperation. The two-week exercise, which commenced on October 13, involved special forces from the Pakistan Army and a contingent of 54 Russian troops, who participated in training drills and counter-terrorism techniques, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said

in a statement. Lieutenant General Fayyaz Hussain Shah, Inspector General Training & Evaluation, attended the closing ceremony as the chief guest, while Russian Ambassador Albert P. Khorev also observed the proceedings. “The troops displayed the highest standards of professionalism,” ISPR noted, praising the collaboration as instrumental in refining tactical procedures. The exercise, the seventh bilateral engagement of its kind, focused on enhancing skills and sharing expertise in counter-terrorism. “This joint training enhances our historic ties and strengthens our shared commitment to combating terrorism,” said an official statement. Druzhba-VII underscored Pakistan and Russia’s evolving military ties, offering a platform for both nations to benefit from each other’s specialised experience in counter-terror operations. The exercise ended with a display of advanced tactical drills, showcasing the skill and coordination developed over the fortnight.