

# Naval Exercises Conducted

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BEIJING — China and Russia launched joint naval exercises Sunday that highlight warming ties between their militaries and growing cooperation in international affairs.

Chinese state broadcaster CCTV said the six days of drills feature simulated anti-aircraft, anti-submarine and search-and-rescue operations, including electronic countermeasures and other sensitive technologies.

Retired Major General Yin Zhuo said it shows a high degree of trust between the sides.

"It's an excellent exchange for China to be able to drill jointly in such sensitive areas," Yin told CCTV.

The countries' deputy Navy chiefs oversaw the start of drills in Qingdao, home of China's northern fleet.

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