

# Threatening Russia? Pentagon To Hold First Joint Military Drills With Bulgaria And Serbia

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SOFIA: Bulgaria, the United States and Serbia will hold their first joint military training to improve interoperability and coordination, officials said here on Monday.

The two-week drill codenamed "Black Sea Rotation Forces - 2011" will begin on Tuesday at the Novo Selo Training Range, one of the four U.S. military bases in Bulgaria, the Public Relations Directorate of the Bulgaria's Defense Ministry said.

Units from the Bulgarian Land Forces, some 40 soldiers from the Serbian Land Forces and up to 100 troops with no more than 15 vehicles from the U.S. Marine Corps will participate in the drill, to improve interoperability among the participants and boost coordination in multinational operations, officials said.

Combat shooting, patrolling, escorting and medical evacuation will be some of the activities during the drill.

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