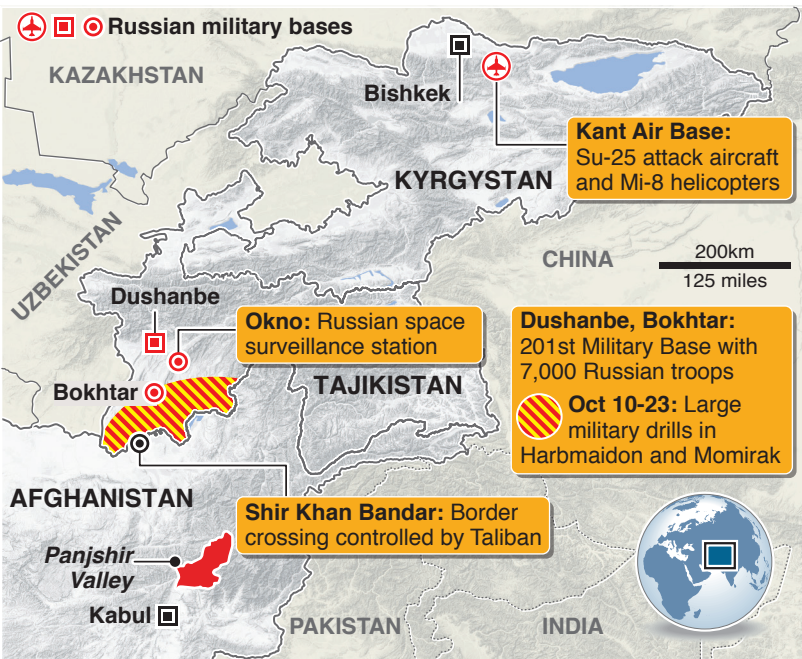


# Russia leads drills near Afghan border

The Russia-led Collective Security Treaty Organisation is staging military drills with 5,000 troops near the Tajik-Afghan border.

Tajikistan refuses to recognise the Taliban in Afghanistan



■ **Collective Security Treaty Organisation:** CSTO comprises six post-Soviet states, Russia, Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan

■ **Tajikistan:** Supports and supplies anti-Taliban **National Resistance Front (NRF)** in Panjsir Valley

■ **Dushanbe:** Safe houses provided for ousted Afghan Vice President **Amrullah Saleh** (right), and NRF leader **Ahmad Massoud** (far right)



■ **Resistance:** Estimated 200 anti-Taliban warlords with 10,000 fighters from northern provinces ready to join NRF