

Russian military drills in Belarus

Russia has begun moving troops and equipment to Belarus for joint military exercises, adding to concerns in the west over a possible plan by Moscow to invade neighbouring Ukraine



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■ **Troops:** Between seven and 10 battalion tactical groups (BTGs) recently moved from Russia's Eastern Military District to Belarus. Typical BTG has 700-900 personnel

■ **Aircraft:** 12 Su-35 fighter jets

■ **Air defence**
Two S-400 mobile surface-to-air missile battalions, one Pantsir missile/gun battalion

■ **Other equipment**
Trains transporting BMP-2 infantry fighting vehicles and BM-27 220mm multiple rocket launchers reportedly spotted in Minsk and Gomel

Joint military exercise "Allied Resolve 2022"

★ Training grounds ✈ Airfields

Russian forces in Belarus would be much closer to Kiev – distance from there to Belarus border is less than 100km at its closest point. Multiple rocket launchers could strike targets near Kiev without entering Ukraine

