

INDIA, AFRICAN COUNTRIES RESOLVE TO FIGHT TERROR

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Strong ties: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh speaking during the first India-Africa Defence Ministers' Conclave. PTI-

India and several African countries on Thursday pledged to deepen cooperation to combat the growing threat of terrorism and preserve maritime security by sharing information, intelligence and surveillance, in a joint declaration adopted at the first India-Africa Defence Ministers conclave at the ongoing Defexpo.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said India was geared to provide a range of military hardware to Africa.

“We condemn, in the strongest terms, the growing threat of terrorism and acknowledge that it constitutes a major threat to peace and security in the region. We urge all countries to take resolute action in rooting out terrorism in all forms and manifestations, terrorist safe havens and infrastructure, disrupting terrorist networks and eliminating financing channels and halting cross-border movement of terrorists. We understand the need for all countries to ensure that all territory under their control is not used to launch terrorist attacks on other countries in any manner,” the Lucknow Declaration said, emphasising the need for stronger international partnership in countering terrorism, including through sharing of intelligence.

The Declaration also called for strengthening the UN Counter-Terrorism mechanisms and to ensure strict compliance with the UN Security Council sanctions regime on terrorism.

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