

# INDIA BACKS CHINA'S PLAN FOR JOINT BORDER ACTIVITY

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India has supported an initiative by China to conduct a "joint border operation" in 2023 of all member countries of SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organisation) that includes Russia, Pakistan and Central Asian countries.

The border operation called 'Solidarity-2023' will be organised by China, a statement by the Border Security Force (BSF) said.

## Exchanging information

The BSF hosted the 21st meeting of Experts' Group and Border Security Conference of SCO countries from June 15-17 that was attended by China, Pakistan, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and the Executive Committee of the Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS)-SCO.

The statement issued at the meeting said that the participants exchanged information reflecting assessments of the situation on the State borders of the SCO member states, trends and forecasts of its development.

"The results of the Joint Border Operation 'Solidarity-2019-2021' carried out in 2021 by the border services of the competent authorities of the SCO member states were discussed and highly appreciated. The plan for the preparation and conduct of the Joint Border Operation 'Friendship Border - 2022' this year was reviewed and approved," it said.

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