

# Russia launches joint nuclear drills with Belarus

Russia launched joint nuclear drills with its ally Belarus, kicking off the second stage of drills designed to prepare their armed forces in tactical nuclear weapons, Russia said Tuesday.

Belarusian Defense Minister Viktor Khrenin said the exercises are in response to “unsuccessful attempts to drag [Belarus] into an epidemic of color revolutions and crush us with economic sanctions,” according to a post on Telegram.

The development comes as the Russian Defense Ministry said last month their troops were starting exercises to make sure they are ready for potential deployment of tactical nuclear weapons, as the Kremlin warned against Western “threats.”

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