

**News****NSG to train with Germany's counter-terror force**

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EVER ON THE ALERT: NSG commandos cheer after the completion of operation cyclone at the Taj Hotel in Mumbai. The NSG will train with their German counterparts, for an edge in strategy and efficiency. File photo PTI

To sharpen its skills in executing anti-terror and special operations in urban areas, the NSG will soon undertake a joint tactical exercise with their German counterpart 'GSG 9'

A team of the National Security Guard (NSG) led by its Director General N P S Aulakh is visiting the GSG 9 headquarters at Bonn.

The specialised training and joint exercises have been worked out by the NSG headquarters after the November 26 Mumbai attacks last year.

"GSG 9 is one of the commando forces that the NSG is modelled on. In the process of continuous learning from each other's experience, the black cats of the NSG will undergo a joint training," official sources said.

The plan was being worked out for quiet some time, they said, adding the new joint exercise will be useful before the Commonwealth Games in Delhi next year.

The GSG 9 has been involved in resolving hostage situations and terror since 1977. After the Mumbai operations, urban terrorism with terrorists holed up in large buildings has come up as a new challenge for a special force like NSG, they said.

The NSG, set up in 1984, was modelled on the pattern of commando forces like SAS of the UK and the GSG 9.

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