

Rajnath Singh visits Chinese Public Security University

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Beijing: Home Minister Rajnath Singh today kicked off his six-day visit to China with a visit to the control room of the Public Security University here and discussed issues concerning training in security related matters.

Singh, who arrived last night, met Fan Jingyu, the ruling Communist Party of China's Secretary of the University unit and discussed issues relating to training of the police officers, official source said.

He is due to call on Premier Li Keqiang later today and hold talks with China's Public Security Minister Guo Shengkun, who is also the State Councillor in the CPC, a rank above the Minister.

Guo would host a banquet in honour of Singh.

Singh is the first Indian Home Minister to visit China in a decade. Shivraj Patil was the last Home Minister who had visited China in 2005.

His visit comes in the backdrop of steady improvement of relations between the two countries while streamlining mechanisms to address the vexed border dispute.

Singh would travel to Shanghai on Saturday where he would meet the top CPC and security officials and address a meeting of the Indian Association of Shanghai.

Reporting on Singh's visit, state-run Global Times today said that India has asked China to share its strategy in dealing with "jihad activities" in Northwest China's Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region.

China blames East Turkistan Islamic Movement (ETIM), an al-Qaeda backed outfit which has bases in Pakistan for carrying out violent attacks in Xinjiang and other parts of China.

Pakistan military recently carried out operations in the tribal areas targeting ETIM bases.

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