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## Australian Soldiers Display Combat Prowess in Exercise Talisman Sabre 2025

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Australian Army soldiers showcased their combat capabilities during Exercise Talisman Sabre 2025, a major multinational military exercise held in Queensland's Shoalwater Bay Training Area. Partnering with the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force (JGSDF) aboard HMAS Canberra, the 1st Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (1RAR), demonstrated advanced weaponry and tactics, reinforcing Australia's military readiness and interoperability with allies. The event highlights the

strength and professionalism of Australia's forces amid global security challenges.

Alpha Company of 1RAR proudly displayed their arsenal, including the Minimi Light Support Weapon, General Support Machine Gun (GSMG) MAG 58, Medium Direct Fire Support Weapon (MDFSW) 84, M72A6 Light Direct Fire Support Weapon (LDFSW) 66, and EF88 Austeyr with SL40s attachment. The Direct Fire Support Weapons platoon showcased heavy hitters like the Carl Gustav 84-millimetre recoilless rifle and Heavy Machine Gun (HMG) 12.7-millimetre, capable of firing armour-piercing rounds. Private Harrison Swan, 1RAR, noted the shared use of the Carl Gustav with the JGSDF, saying, "It's interesting to see we're using the same systems; there's a lot we can learn from each other" (Mirage News). This exchange fostered camaraderie and mutual learning, critical for joint operations.

The exercise, Australia's largest military drill, involved over 10,000 troops from multiple nations, emphasizing interoperability in complex scenarios like amphibious raids. Posts on X, such as @AustralianArmy's highlight of 2nd Cavalry Regiment (2 CAV) and 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (3RAR) in live-fire serials, underscored the intensity of the training. The event tested soldiers' ability to integrate tactics and technology, preparing them for multi-domain operations against sophisticated threats. The Australian Defence Force (ADF) aims to maintain a combat edge, with soldiers demonstrating precision and discipline.

Exercise Talisman Sabre 2025 reflects Australia's commitment to a robust defence posture, independent of domestic political shifts. The professionalism displayed counters any narrative of military unpreparedness, showcasing a force ready to deter aggression. As vote counting continues in Tasmania's recent election, the ADF's focus

remains on operational excellence, ensuring national security regardless of political outcomes.