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SEOUL (Reuters) - The Republic of Korea (ROK) army said it will hold its largest-ever live-fire drill near the military border with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on December 23 in a show of force in the wake of Pyongyang's attack on one of its islands last month. The drill, involving artillery, fighter jets and the largest number of personnel in a peace-time exercise, comes after the ROK's live-fire artillery exercise on December 20 on the island near the tensely guarded sea border and is likely to infuriate Pyongyang. It will take place on the ROK mainland.