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President: "Poland will aid Minsk agreement execution"

Poland will use all possible means to aid the execution of the Minsk agreement guaranteed by France, Germany and the Russian president, President Bronislaw Komorowski said Sunday in the Ukrainian capital Kiev.

Bronislaw Komorowski, in Kiev for the first anniversary of the Maidan protests in the city which toppled the country's previous government and president, attended a March of Dignity commemorating the Maidan events led by Ukrainian state head Petro Poroshenko. Also present were European Council President and former Polish PM Donald Tusk and the presidents of Lithuania, Germany, Moldova, Slovakia and Georgia.

On Friday Ukraine also celebrated the first Heroes of the Heavenly Hundred Day commemorating over a hundred Ukrainians killed during the Maidan events. Heroes of the Heavenly Hundred Day was established by President Poroshenko by special decree.

After the march Komorowski told a press conference that the Maidan anniversary was taking place "in an immensely threatening situation and with hopes for the conclusion of the Russian-Ukrainian conflict high both in Ukraine and entire Europe". In this context he stated that Poland tied great hopes to the Minsk accord but saw it threatened by recent fighting in the east Ukrainian city Debaltseve. He also recalled that Polish politicians were present at the Maidan protests.

"We keep hoping for the execution of the Minsk agreement, but we see its execution threatened (by - PAP) what happened in Debaltseve. For us memories of the Maidan protests also involve memories of Polish presence there", Komorowski said.

He added that the entire Western world should prepare to support Ukraine and to "respond strongly" if the Minsk accord were not implemented.

Asked about Poland's stand on military aid to Ukraine, Komorowski said Poland would not issue a declaration against selling Ukraine arms but reminded that "unfortunately" some western countries had issued such declarations.

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