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President Duda promotes six firemen to general

Polish President Andrzej Duda on Saturday promoted six State Fire Service officers to the rank of general.

Among those promoted, Leszek Suski, general commander of Poland's State Fire Service (PSP), was elevated to the rank of brigadier general, and Marek Kubiak, head of the Government Centre for Security (RCB), became chief brigadier.

Brigadier general is the highest rank in Poland's State Fire Service, equivalent to two-star general in the military.

In all, 200 firemen were expected to be promoted to the rank of officer.

The promotions came as central ceremonies marking International Firefighters' Day and the 25th anniversary of Poland's State Fire Service took place on Warsaw's Pilsudski Square on Saturday.

In addition to President Duda, Prime Minister Beata Szydlo and Interior Minister Mariusz Blaszczak were among top state officials attending the ceremonies, which followed a religious service dedicated to firefighters in a Warsaw church.

Some 30,000 firemen serve in Poland's State Fire Service and several hundred thousand are members of volunteer fire departments across the country.

May 4 marked International Firefighters' Day.

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