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Polish and US presidents talk security issues

The US troops presence in Poland and the region's security, including the situation in Ukraine and upcoming Zapad-17 military exercises were among the topics of my talks with the US President Donald Trump, said President Andrzej Duda on Thursday.

On Thursday morning, Presidents Duda and Trump held a face-to-face meeting followed by plenary talks of the Polish and US delegations.

"During the plenary meeting of our delegations we talked about the presence of American troops in Poland, strengthening the security in our part of Europe and at the same time the NATO's eastern flank. We also discussed the situation in Ukraine as well as the upcoming Zapad-17 (Russian) military exercises to take place in Belarus", President Duda said. He added that the talks also concerned contracts for Polish army's modernisation.

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During the talks President Trump was accompanied by Secretaries of the Treasury Steven Mnuchin and Commerce Wilbur Ross, Presidential National Security Adviser H.R. McMaster, Jared Kushner, President Trump's son-in-law and one of his closest aides, and head of the Economic Council at the US president Gary Cohn.

President Duda was accompanied by deputy PM and Development and Finance Minister Mateusz Morawiecki, Foreign Minister Witold Waszczykowski, Interior Minister Antoni Macierewicz, Government Commissioner for gas infrastructure Piotr Naimski and presidential officials: head of the President's Office Halina Szymanska, National Security Bureau head Pawel Soloch, President's top aide Minister Krzysztof Szczerski, president's spokesman Krzysztof Lapinski and Poland's ambassador to the US Piotr Wilczek.

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