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President Duda observes Dragon-17 manoeuvres

President Andrzej Duda on Tuesday afternoon visited Poland's north-western military range in Drawsko Pomorskie to take part in the presentation of combat capabilities by units taking part in the Dragon-17 military exercise. Minister Paweł Sioch accompanied the President of the Republic of Poland.



Earlier, President Duda was welcomed by Defence Minister Antoni Macierewicz at the exercise command station.

Dragon-17 are Poland's biggest manoeuvres this year, involving 17,000 troops and 3,500 military hardware units from Poland, the United States, Lithuania, Latvia, the United Kingdom, Germany, Slovakia, Italy, Bulgaria, Romania as well as Georgia and Ukraine.

Poland's newly-formed Territorial Defence Force takes part in the exercise for the first time this year.

The drills are held bi-annually. This year's edition will end on Friday.

Under the exercise scenario, a neighbouring country demands access to resources on Polish territory and tries to "politically destabilise" Poland and "take over the disputed territory, also with the use of hybrid activity", deputy Defence Minister Michał Dworczyk said last week.

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