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## Poland for speeding up dialogue with Israel

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**Head of Poland's National Security Bureau (BBN) Paweł Soloch during his visit to Israel has discussed the situation in Europe and the Middle-East, trans-Atlantic relations and bilateral cooperation.**

"The talks primarily concerned military and security cooperation," Soloch told PAP on Wednesday adding that the Polish side's message was that Polish President Andrzej Duda is for the resumption of all-round dialogue.

The talks also referred to President Duda's recent meeting with Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu in New York and his declaration of Poland's readiness to take part in the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) peacekeeping missions in the Golan Heights.

While in Israel, the BBN head met with the Deputy Head of the Israeli National Security Council Eitan Ben David, Deputy Foreign Minister Tzipi Hotovely, Deputy Director-General for Strategic Affairs of the Israeli MFA Rodica Radian-Gordon and with Chairman of Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee Avi Dichter.

Soloch said he presented to his Israeli partner's Poland's assessment of the security situation in Europe. "We spoke of Russia's aggressive plans, concerning both Europe and the Middle-East, whose basic goal is to rebuild its former position as a superpower." The sides also discussed trans-Atlantic relations, "in the context of certain controversies as far as the policy towards Iran is concerned."

"The European Union and the United States have the same goal - to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons, they differ in the assessment of the means by which this can be achieved," said Paweł Soloch. He reminded that the EU is of the opinion that the deal with Iran should be implemented, while there is controversy surrounding the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

"From our point of view, trans-Atlantic ties are the foundation of European security and Poland is working to ensure that these ties are harmonious," emphasised the BBN head.

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