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## Head of BBN: Poland, Lithuania have similar view on threats

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**Poland and Lithuania assess the international situation in the same way and are in full agreement as to the direction of actions to be taken, said the head of the National Security Bureau (BBN) Pawel Soloch after his three-day working visit in Vilnius.**

"If we are talking about the military sphere, what I mean, first and foremost, is the agreement as to how to coordinate the command and management system, that is, cooperation between the armed forces of the Baltic States, especially Lithuania, with the Polish armed forces within NATO," Soloch explained.

He pointed out that Poland and Lithuania assess the general tendency of the international situation in the same way. "We are in agreement that European initiatives in the field of defence should not duplicate NATO, or lead to a weakening of the development of the alliance in terms of collective defence," the head of the National Security Bureau noted.

He also said that during a Friday meeting, Lithuanian Minister of Foreign Affairs Linas Linkevicius said he supported the initiative of the Polish-US conference on the Middle East to be held in Warsaw in February and confirmed his attendance.

The working visit of the National Security Bureau head in Vilnius focused on security issues and the upcoming visit of Lithuanian President Dalia Grybauskaite in Warsaw.

While in the Lithuanian capital, Soloch also met with Grybauskaite's advisor for national security, Zivile Satuniene, as well as with Lithuania's Minister of National Defence Raimundas Karoblis and the Chief of Staff of the Lithuanian armed forces, Gen. Vitalijus Vaiksnoras.

As Soloch told reporters, the topics of talks included threats from the eastern border of NATO, cooperation in the field of military, cybernetic and energy security.

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