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National Security Council ahead of visit to US

President Andrzej Duda has announced he will convene the country's National Security Council (RBN) on March 11, a day before his visit to Washington.

His and Prime Minister Donald Tusk's visit to Washington is planned for Tuesday, March 12, where both leaders will meet US President Joe Biden on the 25th anniversary of Poland's accession to the North Atlantic Alliance.

„Next Monday, before my visit to the US, I will convene the National Security Council,” Andrzej Duda said on Tuesday when he visited the site of Nato's Steadfast Defender 2024 exercise in Korzeniewo, northern Poland.

„It is very important for our allies to see that Poland as a whole, in the political sense, in matters of security, in matters of modernisation of the Polish army, speaks with one voice,” he said.

The RBN, an advisory body to the president which is composed of top government and security officials and party leaders, convenes when key national security issues need to be discussed.

Andrzej Duda said that the RBN will discuss security issues „with the full composition of the Polish political scene.”

He added that the agenda will include the current situation in Nato, purchases of the military equipment and the bloc's summit scheduled for July in Washington.

„First of all, I want us, before meeting with the President of the United States and US politicians, to show the unity of the Polish political scene in security matters,” Andrzej Duda said.

Andrzej Duda also said that the topics of his talks with Biden will include the future expansion of the alliance, including Ukraine's accession, Polish-US cooperation, and Polish arms purchases from the US. (PAP)

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