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Polish and Bulgarian presidents discuss Ukraine and economic cooperation

Polish and Bulgarian Presidents, Bronislaw Komorowski and Rosen Plevneliev met in Warsaw on Tuesday to discuss the situation in Ukraine, energy security, economic cooperation and regional policy.

President Rosen Plevneliev started a two-day official visit to Poland on Tuesday morning.

"We share a common stance on the crisis sparked by Russian aggression in Ukraine," President Komorowski said during a joint press conference held with the Bulgarian guest at the Presidential Palace after bilateral talks.

The Polish president thanked Bulgaria for its support for the EU policy of sanctions against Russia.

President Plevneliev said that both countries have a "principled stand against Russia's actions in Ukraine". "For us, Ukraine belongs to Europe," he declared and stressed the need for a unified stance on Russia's aggressive actions.

According to Komorowski the two countries are developing economic cooperation, have achieved joint political successes and have common interests in the sphere of energy security.

The Polish president added that both countries also share the opinion on the need for support of Eastern Partnership countries and the strengthening of European integration processes, for example in the Balkans.

"We fully share the view on the importance of the entire region and the need for Polish-Bulgarian cooperation, supplemented with as strong as possible relations with other countries of NATO's south-eastern flank," stressed Bronislaw Komorowski.

President Rosen Plevneliev stressed the very sincere bilateral relations. "Polish-Bulgarian friendship has a very strong foundation. For years we have been acting together in various areas, including the European Union."

The Bulgarian president said that today's talks also covered economic cooperation, regional and defence policies. "We want to build defence initiatives together with our friends from Poland," the Bulgarian guest declared.

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