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President on British aid plans for Ukraine

This is an interesting move which shows a similar viewpoint to Poland's, President Bronislaw Komorowski said Wednesday in Warsaw commenting British PM David Cameron's announcement that Britain will help train the Ukrainian army.

On Tuesday Cameron told the British parliament that British military staff, including advisors, will travel to Ukraine in March to help in the training of the country's armed forces. Cameron assured that the Britons will be far from the current battlefield and will not be involved in combat.

Cameron added that in future Britain may supply arms to Ukraine.

"In my opinion PM Cameron's words move matters in the right direction", Bronislaw Komorowski said on Wednesday at a briefing prior to his departure to Japan.

President Komorowski called Cameron's announcement "an interesting move" which "showed a similar viewpoint to Poland's in that we shouldn't deprive ourselves of the possibility to act in support of Ukraine". He added that the plan did not mean Britain was sending troops to Ukraine but only instructors.

In this context Bronislaw Komorowski reminded that Poland was also involved in training Ukrainian troops. As an example he mentioned the Lithuanian-Ukrainian-Polish LITPOLUKRBRIG brigade currently in formation in Lublin, southeast Poland, whose job will also be to aid Ukrainian forces in adjusting to NATO military structures.

President Bronislaw Komorowski and First Lady Anna Komorowska will be in Japan on a two-day visit on February 26-27.

Poland's president and his wife will meet with the emperor and empress of Japan on Thursday.

On Friday President Komorowski will speak with the president of the House of Councillors, the upper house of the Japanese parliament. Later that day he will attend the inauguration of the Polish-Japanese Economic Forum.

The visit will also include talks between Polish and Japanese delegations led by Poland's president and Japan's prime minister.

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