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RBN to discuss preparations for Warsaw NATO summit

Poland's National Security Council (RBN) will meet on Wednesday to discuss the course of preparations for a NATO summit to be held in Warsaw next year and to evaluate the results of the latest EU summit.

"This will most likely be the last sitting of the National Security Council of the present term," head of the National Security Bureau Stanisław Koziej has told PAP. He added that the council met 35 times during the Bronisław Komorowski presidency.

The Wednesday meeting is to focus on preparations for next year's NATO summit in Warsaw and the assessment of an EU summit held in Brussels in the past week which dealt, among others, with the Common Security and Defence Policy.

Koziej said that the NATO summit scheduled for July 2016 is currently the most important security topic. A report on the course of preparations is to be presented by deputy PM and Defence Minister Tomasz Siemoniak.

Stanisław Koziej stressed that Poland's main goal for the Warsaw summit is to work out such an agenda so that Alliance would "make one step forward" against decisions reached during the Newport summit in September 2014.

Koziej explained that as has been once said by President Komorowski Poland should try "to transform the Alliance's rotational presence in its eastern flank into a maximum permanent military presence."

The results of the EU summit are to be outlined by Foreign Minister Grzegorz Schetyna. Koziej said that although the meeting was overshadowed by current developments (Greece, immigration crisis) still EU countries agreed to start work on the EU's strategy regarding its internal and external security policy.

The National Security Council is a constitutional advisory body to the president.

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