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President appoints new Polish government

President Andrzej Duda appointed the new Polish government during a Monday ceremony following a sweeping victory of the right-wing Law and Justice (PiS) in the October 25 general elections. The president appointed Beata Szydlo as the new prime minister.

Following is the line-up of the Beata Szydlo cabinet:

- › Mateusz Morawiecki - deputy PM and development minister
- › Piotr Glinski - deputy PM and culture minister
- › Jaroslaw Gowin - deputy PM and science and higher education minister
- › Mariusz Blaszczak - interior and administration minister
- › Antoni Macierewicz - defence minister
- › Witold Waszczykowski - foreign affairs minister
- › Pawel Szalamacha - finance minister
- › Zbigniew Ziobro - justice minister
- › Dawid Jackiewicz - treasury minister
- › Anna Zalewska - education minister
- › Jan Szyszko - environment minister
- › Elzbieta Rafalska - labour minister
- › Krzysztof Jurgiel - agriculture minister
- › Andrzej Adamczyk - infrastructure and construction minister
- › Konstanty Radziwill - health minister
- › Marek Grobarczyk - maritime economy and inland waterways minister
- › Anna Strezynska - digitisation minister
- › Witold Banka - sports minister
- › Beata Kempa - minister, member of the Council of Ministers, head of PM's Office
- › Elzbieta Witek - minister, member of the Council of Ministers, government spokesperson
- › Henryk Kowalczyk - member of the Council of Ministers, chairman of the Government Standing Committee
- › Mariusz Kaminski - minister, member of the Council of Ministers, coordinator of special services
- › Krzysztof Tchorzewski - member of the Council of Ministers (expected future energy minister)



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"I feel fully co-responsible for the country's affairs with the prime minister and her government", President Andrzej Duda said Monday at the appointment of Poland's Beata Szydlo government.

President Duda said he had confidence that the new government will fulfill its obligations, and stressed that its policy would be founded on 2010-deceased President Lech Kaczynski's statement that Poland should be a country "able to aid those who are weaker and which does not need to fear those who are stronger".

"These obligations are expressed by momentous words, words which in a sense were the motto of the presidential and parliamentary campaigns thanks to which you are standing here before me today (...). The words of President Lech Kaczynski, who said that we want Poland to be a strong country which is able to aid those who are weaker and does not need to fear those who are stronger", President Duda said.

Among the tasks facing the new government Duda named rebuilding the country's potential, including its armed forces, raising the sense of security of Poles, and support for families, the poor and the handicapped. He also stressed the need to streamline Poland's intransparent tax laws, which in his opinion hampered enterprise.

Commenting Friday's terrorist attacks in Paris, President Duda said that in the situation he was happy Poland has a "stable and efficient" government at such a difficult time for Europe.

Referring to the words by Lech Kaczynski quoted by President Duda, Szydlo assured that they will serve as guidance for her government.

The appointment ceremony began with a minute's silence in homage to the victims of the Friday attacks in Paris.

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