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President: NATO must prove it is a living, strong alliance

NATO needs to prove that it is a living, strong and reliable alliance, and to do it must considerably strengthen its defensive and deterring capability, President Andrzej Duda said on Friday, the opening day of the NATO summit in Warsaw.

"Here in Warsaw NATO must prove that it is and will remain a living, strong and reliable alliance for peace, freedom and democracy. In order for it to be able to remain this way, it will need to considerably reinforce its deterring and defensive capability", the president said at the opening of a Warsaw Summit Experts' Forum accompanying the NATO summit.

According to Andrzej Duda, the biggest threat to the security of the NATO members were not countries or nations, but "a policy of force which ignores the norms of international law, and even such basic norms as the right to territorial integrity or sovereignty".

British decision shows NATO solidarity

The stationing of 150 British troops in Poland in keeping with recent reinforcement decisions shows that NATO is together, that we are bound by solidarity, President Andrzej Duda said Friday at Warsaw's National Stadium, site of the beginning NATO summit.

Andrzej Duda said he was very pleased with Britain's decision to send 150 troops to Poland, and remarked that the move proved the Alliance's readiness to raise security levels, adding that „that there was a readiness to strengthen our security".

On Thursday British Defence Secretary Michael Fallon told PAP that 650 British troops would be sent for "permanent rotational training" on the eastern NATO flank. Five hundred soldiers will station in Estonia, 150 in Poland.

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