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Poland welcomes decision to halt US troop withdrawal from Germany

Poland has welcomed the decision by the US president to suspend the reduction of American soldiers in Germany, the head of the National Security Bureau (BBN) said on Thursday evening.

During his first foreign policy speech, President Joe Biden announced on Thursday that he would halt the withdrawal of American soldiers from Germany, some of whom were to be transferred to Poland and other countries.

"We welcome the decision," Pawel Soloch told. "Let me remind you that President Andrzej Duda, both during his last visit to Washington and during talks with the Nato secretary general, called for maintaining the American presence in Europe."

The head of BBN stated that Poland did not link this issue with strengthening the presence of American troops in Poland.

"We want the broadest possible presence of US forces in all of Europe, which would allow us to respond to possible threats and, in case of emergency, to strengthen the eastern flank of the (NATO) alliance," he said.

The reduction of the American contingent in Germany, from 36,000 to 25,000 soldiers was announced in June 2020 by the then US President Donald Trump, as in his opinion, Germany was not spending enough on defence. (PAP)

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