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Türkiye. NATO Summit in Ankara

President Karol Nawrocki visited Türkiye , where he participated in the North Atlantic Alliance Summit on Wednesday. During the talks in Ankara, the Polish leader highlighted three key geopolitical goals: strengthening allied solidarity, developing defense infrastructure on the eastern flank, and deepening relations with the United States in the face of the persistent threat from the Russian Federation.



Poland's expectations regarding the North Atlantic Alliance have been met," said the President of Poland, adding that the Alliance is strong today and determined to defend the values for which it was founded.

Summing up his participation in the Summit, President Karol Nawrocki noted that all speeches by heads of state and government articulated clear declarations of the Alliance's unity and readiness to respond to the international situation. He also emphasized that there was consensus among the partners that Russia remains the greatest threat to NATO. Therefore—according to the President—it is crucial to maintain close transatlantic relations, which already stand "at a very high level."

"Today's Summit in Ankara demonstrates the strength of the North Atlantic Alliance, based on cooperation between Europe and the United States", he assured reporters.

Addressing the issue of dual-use infrastructure, the President of Poland expressed satisfaction with NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte's assurance that the construction of media transmission infrastructure to Central and Eastern Europe would be recognized as a "financial priority" for the Alliance. "I hope this will begin to materialize soon," he said, adding that the Secretary General's declaration is consistent with the shift of responsibility for the security of the entire North Atlantic Alliance toward NATO's eastern flank.

The President also announced that the Alliance member states had adopted a joint declaration at the conclusion of the Summit, in which they reaffirmed their unity and readiness to respond jointly to threats and to strengthen security.

That morning, prior to the NATO Summit, President Karol Nawrocki emphasized in a media briefing that allied unity and close cooperation with the United States remain the foundation of European security.

The Alliance's solidarity, and the reaffirmation of that solidarity at the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Summit, is crucial and essential. Now is also the time to strengthen transatlantic relations. 'There can be no NATO without the United States, and no NATO without U.S.–European cooperation. This is the second strategic point that we in the Republic of Poland consider important," he noted.

The President of Poland unequivocally highlighted Poland's position as a leader in shouldering the burden of defence, defining the main threats to regional security.

This also confirms the main threat to Poland and to all of Central and Eastern Europe, which has persisted for centuries (...)—the Russian Federation. So, from Poland's perspective, it must be made clear that the Russian Federation is, remains, and will continue to be a threat to the North Atlantic Alliance. For me, as President of Poland, this is also an opportunity to explain how Poland is fulfilling its Allied obligations. I would like to remind you, of course, that we spend nearly 5 percent of our GDP on building our military capabilities, on the Armed Forces of the Republic of Poland. Poland is an exemplary ally," emphasized President Karol Nawrocki.

Among the infrastructure proposals that are expected to tangibly contribute to the region's defense, the President mentioned the need to expand the network of *dual-use* fuel pipelines toward Central Europe:

I will consistently advocate for these pipelines—which currently end at the former border between East and West Germany—to be extended to the Republic of Poland, to Central Europe. The dual-use nature of these pipelines and this infrastructure (...) also provides an opportunity to strengthen the security of NATO's entire eastern flank.

The President also addressed the issue of the permanent stationing of U.S. forces in Poland, referring to previous political agreements and the latest statements from Washington:

"We want to achieve a permanent presence of American soldiers in Poland in the form of a permanent base. I hope that American soldiers will remain in Poland and that, together with the Polish Armed Forces, we will safeguard (...) the eastern flank. (...) This matter is looking very promising, especially following the official letter from the U.S. Secretary of Defense to the Minister of National Defense. (...) One could say that the path to a permanent U.S. military presence in Poland—at the presidential level and on the political level—is now open."

Meetings with World Leaders

During a meeting in Ankara, President Karol Nawrocki held talks with world leaders, including U.S. President Donald Trump, Czech President Petr Pavel, Finnish President Alexander Stubb, and Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney. The Polish leader also spoke with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. The meeting focused on bilateral relations, including historical issues.

Yesterday, President Karol Nawrocki and First Lady Marta Nawrocka attended an official dinner hosted by Turkish President Tayyip Erdoğan and his Spouse, Emine Erdoğan, for the Heads of State and Government participating in the Summit.

Roundtable on Children's Digital Safety

During his visit to Türkiye, President Karol Nawrocki was accompanied by his Spouse, Marta Nawrocka, who was carrying out a separate set of engagements. At the invitation of Türkiye's First Lady, Emine Erdoğan, Marta Nawrocka took part in a meeting of the Spouses of the NATO Summit Presidents. The discussions at the Turkish Presidential Residence in Çankaya were held under the theme "*Children, Technology, and Safety: Protecting the Next Generation*." In her remarks, Marta Nawrocka placed particular emphasis on issues related to combating online hate and the spread of hate speech in the digital space.

In Ankara, First Lady Marta Nawrocka announced that she would organize a meeting in Warsaw this fall dedicated to the safety of children and young people in the digital world, as a follow-up to the discussions held in the Turkish capital as well as in Washington.





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