

Polish Defense Minister Klich Wants NATO Bases in Poland

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Poland knows what kind of NATO is needed in the 21st century: according to government proposals, it is to be a strictly military alliance protecting Poland and its allies in Europe, the USA and Canada.

Accepting Russia into the pact is out of the question, even though such proposals have been raised in Germany.

"NATO must consolidate, so it doesn't become such a watered-down organization as the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe," said Defense Minister Bogdan Klich.

Klich also wants to attract NATO infrastructure into Poland, stressing that it should be evenly distributed among all member states – at the moment, there is almost none in newer member countries.

He also said he is prepared to organize an exercise involving NATO rapid-reaction forces in Poland in 2013.

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