

“Protecting Turkey” against Syria: American, German, Dutch, Czech, Polish, Slovak Troops To Turkey

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January 8, 2013 Armed Conflict: Germany deploys Patriot missile defense to TurkeyThe deployment of Patriot anti-missile systems from Germany to its NATO-partner Turkey has gotten underway. Germany has also sent an additional convoy of soldiers to help set up the defense system.

In the early morning hours on Tuesday, a ship carrying two Patriot anti-missile systems set out from the northeastern German seaport Lübeck-Travemünde for Turkey. A separate convoy of German soldiers was expected to fly later in the day from the Dutch city of Eindhoven, along with Dutch troops, where they will prepare for the defense systems' arrival in several weeks.

Germany, the Netherlands and the US agreed to deploy the defense systems in response to a request for NATO assistance... along its border with Syria. They are the only three members of the Western military alliance that have the most advanced models of the Patriots, which are designed to intercept enemy missiles or aircraft.

DW.DE

NATO approved the military assistance in early December...

“Turkey is a NATO member, it is obvious that we will stand by our allies,” said [German Chancellor Angela] Merkel.

Germany has said it plans to deploy just under 400 troops in the coming weeks.

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Czech News Agency

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Czechs to leave for NATO mission on Turkish-Syrian border

Prague: Four Czech military specialists will leave for a NATO mission on the Turkish-Syrian border on Thursday to protect Turkey against the Syrian regime, server Lidovky.cz wrote Monday.

Signallers from north Moravia will ensure connection between the operation command and units.

The Czechs will leave for Turkey with Slovaks and Poles from the 3rd NATO communication battalion.

Soldiers from several NATO countries will take part in the mission. U.S., German and Dutch Patriot missile systems will be deployed to protect the Turkish border land.

Four three-month rotations of specialists are planned for this year. It is expected that NATO will ask the Czech Republic to participate in each of them, the server wrote.

The signallers' mission is yet to be approved by the government.

Government spokesman Michal Schuster said the point is not on the agenda of the government's Wednesday meeting, Lidovky.cz wrote.

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