US Missile Shield in Poland in 2018

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A US land-based Aegis system along with SM-3 interceptors and additional sensors is scheduled to be stationed in Poland in 2018, according to a US daily.

The *Washington Post* says it has seen Pentagon plans for a new missile shield to protect Europe from a potential Iranian rocket attack.

Though Barack Obama's administration cancelled the previous Bush administration plan for an anti-missile system in Poland and the Czech Republic a new plan to protect southern Europe is going ahead in a three phase implementation, says the reports.

Central to the plan will be a fleet of 38 US navy Aegis-class destroyers and cruisers with radar systems placed in Romania, Bulgaria, Turkey and Israel.

In July Secretary of State Hilary Clinton signed an appendix to a previous agreement between Poland and US for the stationing of elements of the anti-missile shield in the country. (pg)

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