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POLAND SAYS IT THWARTED A RUSSIAN PROVOCATION ON THE KALININGRAD BORDER AND SENDS FORCES TO THE AREA

Shortly after midnight on 3 November 2026 Poland's Border Guard reported troubling movement along the Polish-Russian border with Russia's Kaliningrad region, involving individuals with flashlights. Prime Minister Donald Tusk told a cabinet meeting that Poland swiftly sent forces and assets to the area and that the group withdrew into Kaliningrad. He said Polish and NATO intelligence had received information in recent weeks about possible acts of diversion or more serious provocations near the border in early November.

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OFFICIAL ATTRIBUTION

A government, a prosecutor, the EU, NATO or a UN body has formally named Russia, its services or its state-backed forces. This is a position of that authority, not a verdict.

WHO ESTABLISHED IT

Prime Minister Donald Tusk, cabinet meeting, 3 Nov 2026, on a report from the Border Guard; he named Russia as the source of the provocation. Russia: no response found.

LATEST

Tusk warned that the tension and escalation from Russia may continue for some time.

LINK TO THE WAR AGAINST UKRAINE

Russia's pressure on NATO's eastern border has risen with its air war on Ukraine; Russian drones have repeatedly entered Polish airspace during attacks on Ukraine.

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WHAT WE ASK

OF MEMBER STATES

- Name the instrumentalisation of migrants as a hybrid attack by the state that organises it.
- Support the EU and frontline states in protecting their borders while respecting international law.
- Sanction the officials and networks that move people to the border.