

Finland Says It Won't Host Nuclear Weapons or NATO Bases

Putin has said Russia would respond if NATO infrastructure expanded into Finland and Sweden

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*Finnish **Prime Minister Sanna Marin** said Thursday that [Helsinki is opposed to NATO deploying nuclear weapons](#) or establishing bases inside Finland if it joins the military alliance.*

Marin said she didn’t think there was much interest in NATO for nuclear deployments or permanent bases inside Finland.

“Nor do I think there is any interest in deploying nuclear weapons or opening NATO bases in Finland,” she said.

Swedish **Prime Minister Magdalena Andersson** has also said Sweden doesn’t plan on hosting NATO nuclear weapons or bases.

While the US, Britain, and France are the only NATO members with their own nuclear stockpiles, US nuclear weapons are deployed in other NATO states under a nuclear-sharing agreement. Under the agreement, there are US nuclear weapons [in Belgium, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, and Turkey](#).

Russian **President Vladimir Putin** has warned that Moscow will respond to the expansion of NATO military infrastructure inside Sweden or Finland. While the two nations have no interest in nuclear weapons or bases, NATO could still send troops and other military equipment to the countries on a rotational basis.

Finland and Sweden formally applied to join NATO on Wednesday, but Turkey blocked the

alliance from holding talks on their membership. Ankara is opposed to the Nordic countries joining due to their alleged support for the PKK and the export controls they imposed on Turkey. Finnish **President Sauli Niinisto** said Thursday that [he's working on getting Turkey to change its position.](#)

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