

# Poland, Romania: U.S. Missile System From Baltic To Black Sea

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The US missile defence shield and Polish-Romanian collaboration are the focal points on the agenda of Defence Minister Bogdan Klich on an official two-day visit to Bucharest.

Poland, which is to have a Patriot missile battery based in the north of the country, not far from Russia's Kaliningrad border, will share its experience of the anti-missile systems with Romania.

It was announced in February that Bucharest will be involved in the new anti-missile shield plan, which will replace the system cancelled by President Obama last year which was to be sited in Poland and the Czech Republic.

"President Basescu has announced that the American installations will be deployed in Romania. We will also hold talks on strengthening our partnership, agreed upon by Warsaw and Bucharest, which now has to be put into practice within the framework of military collaboration and national security," Bogdan Klich said Tuesday.

Klich will meet with his Romanian counterpart and military officials. The meetings will also involve talks over the possibility of Poland training Romanian soldiers. **(ab)**

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