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France and Poland to practice nuclear strikes on Russia – media

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FILE PHOTO. French Dassault Rafale B fighter jet. © Getty Images / Nicolas Economou; NurPhoto

France and Poland are preparing joint military exercises simulating conventional and nuclear strikes on Russia and Belarus, according to Polish media. Moscow has claimed that NATO will practice the blockade and seizure of Russia's Kaliningrad Region at the same time.

The Wirtualna Polska (WP) news outlet reported on Thursday, citing sources within the military, that the nuclear drills are set to take place *"soon"* over the Baltic Sea and northern Poland, and are meant to develop a *"Polish-French military arm... outside of NATO bureaucracy"* to deter supposed Russian aggression.

Moscow has consistently dismissed the claims as nonsense, stressing it has no intention of attacking any foreign states and accusing NATO of openly preparing for a military confrontation.

Under the scenarios, reportedly discussed during French President Emmanuel Macron's meeting with Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk earlier this week, Polish F-16 jets will conduct long-range reconnaissance and target

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identification, and will strike *“high-value targets in the vicinity of St. Petersburg”* using conventional JASSM-ER cruise missiles.

French Rafale B fighters, armed with ASMP missiles carrying nuclear warheads, will also fly from France to the Budapest-Kaliningrad line and simulate nuclear strikes on targets in Russia and Belarus.

The planned exercises are described as part of Macron’s push to extend the country’s *“nuclear umbrella”* over other European states and expand France’s nuclear



potential. Russia has consistently condemned NATO for escalating tensions on the European continent, particularly through its increasing nuclear rhetoric.

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Responding to the reported French-Polish nuclear drills, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov stated that they *“show Europe’s aspiration for further militarization and nuclearization”* and warned that such steps *“do not contribute to stability and predictability on the European continent.”*

Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Grushko also said on Thursday that NATO’s UK-led Joint Expedition Forces (JEF) has been practicing scenarios of a naval blockade and seizure of Russia’s Kaliningrad Region and is *“deliberately pursuing a path of increasing confrontation.”*

Meanwhile, the Finnish parliament took up a bill to allow the import and storage of nuclear weapons on the country’s territory. The move would overturn legal barriers that had banned such devices in the country since the 1980s.

Moscow has warned that any deployment of nuclear weapons in Finland would be a direct threat to Russia

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and would trigger retaliatory measures.

Speaking exclusively to RT on Thursday, Andrey Kartapolov, chairman of the State Duma Defense Committee, warned that Finnish lawmakers would be making a *“big mistake”* if they voted in favor of the bill. The arrival of foreign nuclear weapons in the Nordic country would significantly undermine its own security, according to the senior Russian MP.

The relevant military installations on Finnish soil would inevitably end up on Russian strategic forces’ priority target list, Kartapolov predicted.



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Since when does Poland have nuclear weapons? So will they be just pointing a finger instead while wishing they had them? But seriously, with France as their sidekick what could go wrong? 😊

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D Don Tomson 4/23/2026 at 9:29 PM 0

Who is afraid of France?

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J Joshuahn Jackstonburg 4/23/2026 at 9:38 PM ↑ 14

Nobody is afraid of france, poland or britain

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Just a reminder French nuclear weapons are not under US control.

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So? Does that make them immune to death?

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A Ana 4/24/2026 at 5:12 AM 4

Idiots playing dangerous games without realizing consequences.

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🏠 Joe 4/23/2026 at 10:05 PM 5

Poles ever since ww2 lament to no end how Moscow invaded Poland from the east 17 days after Germany invaded on September 1 1939 from the west. Some manipulate this event by saying Russia attacked at the same time, to play the victim card even more. But they conveniently never mention how they were the first to offer a mutual invasion of the Soviet Union to Hitler shortly before ww2 which Hitler ignored. Poles are at it again. This time around, offering to France a mutual attack on Russia, and when again theyll get their butt fried they will again, lament. TO NO END how innocent Poland got attacked by evil bad Russia.

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N Nicolae Ceau 4/24/2026 at 5:08 AM ↑ 0

Seeing how Poland is acting I can't really blame the Germans for trying to wipe them off the map back then. Warsaw was like 80% destroyed but Germany never finished the job.

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PA Sucks (Pasuxx) 4/23/2026 at 10:31 PM

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«France and Poland to practice nuclear strikes on Russia» — Could you IMAGINE how furious the west would be if Russia was 'to practice nuclear strikes on France and Poland'? They would start softly with «see I told you so, Russia wants to attack Europe» and only get stronger worded claims after that... So I say, who's the aggressor here.... a few years back the UK let spread all over youtube a video of Russia attacking the UK and other nations and now this?

«The UK-led Joint Expedition Forces meanwhile, will reportedly practice the naval blockade and seizure of Kaliningrad exclave» – mmhmmm see the above comment

«accusing NATO of openly preparing for a military confrontation.» – no accusations needed, it's clearly obvious that they are. That was the whole purpose of the Ukraine proxy endeavour, with many western nations openly proclaiming it was to weaken Russia in preparation of attacking Russia and dividing Russia's huge land mass up

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N Nicolae Ceau 4/24/2026 at 5:03 AM ↑ 0

They've always been hyenas just that now the mask finally came off to expose them for who they truly are. Demons.

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Michel Fortin 4/23/2026 at 10:48 PM

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Better gather rocks and sticks European fools. You'll need them ...if there's anyone left after Russia blows you up.

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N Nicolae Ceau 4/24/2026 at 4:58 AM ↑ 0

Screw it, I'm ready for all these mfkrs. Let's see if they have the balls cause I say they're nothing but barking