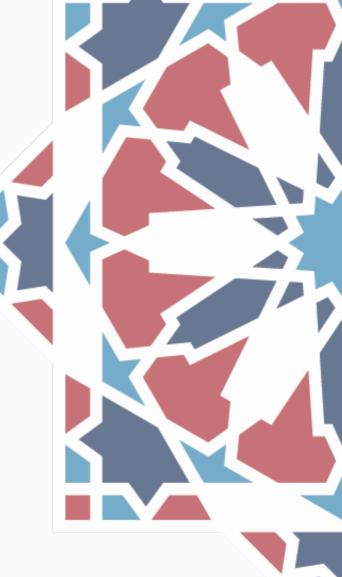




Report

'Unprecedented' Violation and 'Alleged' Evidence: An Analysis of Narrative Lines in Türkiye

Following the Drone Attack on Poland





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- * Following the violation of Polish airspace by Russian drones, a widespread disinformation campaign emerged. campaign orchestrated by the Russian Federation was observed.
- * The presence of false balance in Turkish media helps to normalise Russia's narratives. Claims such as "no evidence" or "unintentional" have entered the mainstream without proper verification.
- * The spread of Sputnik content across lower-tier portals and social media greatly expanded the reach of disinformation, forming a "confirmation ecosystem" through the replication of material.
- * Russian narratives were carefully adapted to Turkish sensitivities, promoting themes such as "NATO will not help," "this is a Ukrainian provocation," and "the West's double standards regarding Gaza.



Introduction

On the night of 9–10 September 2025, Polish airspace was violated by 19 Russian drones. This incident marked the largest breach of Poland's borders since the start of the full-scale war in Ukraine. Some of the drones were shot down, and the operation involved Polish F-16 fighters, Dutch F-35s, Italian AWACS reconnaissance aircraft, and aerial refuelling planes. According to a statement by Prime Minister Donald Tusk, several of the drones entered Poland directly from Belarus, without crossing Ukrainian territory, having been launched from Russia or Russian-occupied areas. This was a deliberate act that threatened the security of both Poland and the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO). On 13 September, Romania also reported a violation of its airspace by a Russian drone.

In response to the airspace violation, NATO invoked Article 4, which allows for joint consultations among Alliance members. To date, Article 4 has been invoked eight times—five times by Türkiye, three times by Poland and other Eastern flank countries, and once by Estonia. It has been used in several instances, including during the annexation of Crimea and Russian operations in eastern Ukraine in 2014, as well as in February 2022 following Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine. Additionally, President Karol Nawrocki signed a decree authorising the presence of foreign military contingents from NATO member states on Polish territory as part of the Alliance's "Eastern Sentry" operation. This included the deployment of additional equipment and troops from allied countries in the region, such as Denmark, France, the United Kingdom, and Germany.

The Russian Federation has attempted to promote its own narrative regarding the airspace violation. An official statement by Dmitry Peskov, Press Secretary to the President of the Russian Federation, claimed that Poland had provided no evidence proving the drones' Russian origin. Peskov stated: "Warsaw is not accusing Moscow of airspace violations without evidence for the first time. At the end of 2022, missiles fell in Poland near the border with Ukraine, killing two people. Authorities initially claimed they were Russian weapons, but later the then-President Andrzej Duda admitted they most likely belonged to Kyiv. According to expert assessments, photographs from the scene of the incident captured debris from a Ukrainian S-300 missile system¹".

¹ РФ не планировала атаковать цели в Польше, заявили в Минобороны, "Sputnik Litwa" 10.09.2025, [online:] https://lt.sputniknews.ru/20250910/rf-ne-planirovala-atakovat-tseli-v-polshe-zayavili-v-minoborony-38722092.html? utm_source=chatgpt.com (accessed September 24, 2025) [Providing examples from Russian and Russian-language media is a major challenge, as many sites are blocked in Poland or become blocked shortly after publication, which greatly complicates research].



This report aims to analyse how the violation of Poland's borders by Russian drones was depicted in Turkish-language traditional and social media — including Russian Turkish-language outlets like Sputnik Türkiye and leading Turkish media sources. It also investigates which aspects of Russian disinformation, as defined by the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, were targeted at Turkish-speaking audiences on social media. To do this, the analysis covers articles about the breach of Polish airspace by Russian drones published between 10 and 14 September 2025. These include major Turkish print and online outlets — public media (Anadolu Ajansı), pro-government media (Yeni Şafak), opposition media (Cumhuriyet), Russian Turkish-language media (Sputnik Türkiye), and relevant social media content.



Chapter 1. The Violation of Polish Airspace by Russian Drones in Turkish Media

In Türkiye, media pluralism remains highly limited, with approximately 90% of outlets controlled by government-affiliated conglomerates. Public media in Türkiye include the Türkiye Radyo ve Televizyon Kurumu (TRT) and the Anadolu Ajansı (AA) news agency. For a broader analysis of the Turkish media landscape and its characteristics, see: K. W. Olszowska, K. Wasilewski, Report on Russian Disinformation in Türkiye, Kraków 2024. https://disinfoinmenat.com/raport/rosyjska-dezinformacja-w-turcji/.



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Almost all Turkish media outlets published at least one article—and, in some cases, a series of articles—reporting on the violation of Polish airspace. It is worth noting that Turkish media generally limit their coverage of this topic to factual reporting, without adding analytical or interpretative layers. They reproduce statements and declarations from both the Polish/NATO side and the Russian side, presenting them as equal viewpoints. This approach does not assess the Russian message or explicitly identify it as propaganda but instead frames it as an alternative narrative alongside the Polish account.



Media Name	Title	Content Appearing
Aydınlık (opposition, nationalist, but prostate outlet) September 10, 18:28	Has it now targeted Poland? Russia issued a statement ²	* Russia: denied reports that the attacks targeted sites in Poland, adding that Warsaw has provided no evidence that the downed drones belonged to Russia. * Statement from the Russian Ministry of Defence: The Russian military carried out intensive strikes on military targets in Ukraine. These included, among other sites, drone production facilities; all targets designated were hit. The drones said to have crossed into Polish territory had a maximum flight range of 700 kilometres. Russia stated its readiness to hold consultations with the Polish side. * Statement by Chargé d'Affaires Andrey Ordash: In an interview with Russian media, he stated that the Polish government had provided no evidence proving that the drones neutralised overnight were of Russian origin. * Prime Minister Donald Tusk: During an extraordinary government session, he said that during Russian attacks on Ukrainian targets, some drones repeatedly violated Polish airspace.

² Şimdi de Polonya mı öne sürülüyor? Rusya'dan açıklama geldi, "Aydınlık" 10.09.2025, [online:] https://www.aydinlik.com.tr/haber/simdi-de-polonya-mi-one-suruluyor-rusyadan-aciklama-geldi-545778 (accessed 24.09.2025).



BoldMedya (opposition outlet)

September 11

Could the Drone Crisis at the Polish Border Be a Provocation³

- * Prime Minister Donald Tusk reported that on the night of September 9–10, "numerous" drones entered Polish airspace, some of which were shot down by the Polish Air Force; he announced the activation of Article 4 of the North Atlantic Treaty.
- * Polish authorities have confirmed that the drones were of Russian origin.
- * Russia: Rejected the allegations as unfounded, claiming that Poland had provided no evidence.
- * Russia (alternative statement): Claimed that the drones violating Polish airspace came from Ukraine.
- * President Emmanuel Macron: Described the incident as "unacceptable" and called for Russia to be held accountable.
- * NATO / United States / European Union: Described the incident as a violation rather than an attack; announced they were monitoring the situation and preparing potential sanctions.
- * Domestic response: Heightened security concerns prompted Poland to adopt extraordinary measures and convene a meeting of the National Security Council.

³ Polonya sınırında İHA krızı provokasyon olabilir mi?, "BoldMedya" 11.09.2025, [online:] https://www.boldmedya.com/2025/09/11/polonya-sinirinda-iha-krizi-provokasyon-olabilir-mi/ (ccessed 24.09.2025).



		* International community: The incident highlighted the delicate security balance in Eastern Europe. * Kyiv: Described the incident as "drone attacks on Poland" and urged NATO to intervene. * Military experts suggested that the drones may have been diverted by Ukrainian electronic warfare systems or deliberately directed towards Poland, drawing parallels with the earlier missile incident involving a Polish tractor.
CNN Türk (pro-government outlet) September 10, 10:25	Alarm in a NATO Country Due to a Russian Drone! An "Unprecedented" Violation – The First Such Case Since the Start of the War in Ukraine4	* Lead statement: For the first time since the start of the war in Ukraine, a NATO member state has engaged in direct confrontation with Russian armed forces. * Factual coverage: Included the location of the damaged drone, the discovery of one target, and the ongoing search for remaining fragments. * President Vladimir Putin has repeatedly denied any plans for war with NATO; Western officials have dismissed these denials as untrue. * Background: Although drones had previously fallen on Polish territory, this was the first time the Polish Air Force shot them down.

³ NATO ülkesinde Rus İHA'sı alarmı! "Eşi benzeri görülmemiş" ihlal... Ukrayna savaşında bir ilk, "CNN Türk" 10.09.2025, [online:] https://www.cnnturk.com/dunya/nato-ulkesinde-rus-ihasi-alarmi-esi-benzeri-gorulmemis-ihlal-ukrayna-savasinda-bir-ilk-2333664 (accessed 24.09.2025).



		* Extraordinary measures: Airports were temporarily shut, and citizens were advised to stay at home. A morning statement from the Polish Armed Forces thanked NATO and the Netherlands for deploying F-35 fighter jets in response to the incident.
CNN Türk September 10, 10:25	BREAKING Russia: Poland Was Not the Target; We Are Ready for Talks ⁵	* Russian Ministry of Defence: Stated that during airstrikes on Ukrainian defence-industry facilities, no attacks on sites in Poland were planned; declared readiness to hold consultations with the Polish side. * Operational Command of the Polish Armed Forces: Reported "unprecedented" violations of Polish airspace during the Russian attack on Ukraine. * NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte confirmed that Warsaw had held consultations with allies under Article 4 of the North Atlantic Treaty. He noted that the incident underscores the need for greater defence investment, and allies remain determined to step up support for Ukraine in response to Russia's "campaign of destruction."

⁵ SON DAKİKA... Rusya: Hedef Polonya değildi, görüşmeye hazırız, "CNN Türk" 10.09.2025, [online:] https://www.cnnturk.com/dunya/son-dakika-rusya-hedef-polonya-degildi-gorusmeye-haziriz-2333900 (accessed 24.09.2025).



CNN Türk	BREAKING NEWS: Russia Violated	* U.S. President Donald Trump: Commented on the breach of Polish
September 10, 18:29	Polish Airspace! Trump Makes a Surprising	airspace by Russian unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs).
	Statement: "Here We Go" ⁶	* Prime Minister Donald Tusk: During an extraordinary cabinet meeting, stated that several drones repeatedly violated Polish airspace amid Russian attacks on Ukraine.
CNN Türk	NATO Step Toward Poland: The Eastern	* NATO (Secretary General Mark Rutte): Following the breach of
September 13, 11:57	Flank Is Being Strengthened! ⁷	Polish airspace by Russian unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), NATO announced the reinforcement of its eastern flank and the launch of the "Eastern Sentry" operation, with the participation of Denmark, France, Germany, and the United Kingdom.
		* Russia: Claimed that the UAVs were targeting Ukraine, not Poland.
		* Prime Minister Donald Tusk: stated, "This was not a mistake — we know that."

⁶ SON DAKİKA HABERİ: Rusya Polonya hava sahasını ihlal etti! Trump'tan çarpıcı çıkış: Hadi bakalım başlıyoruz, "CNN Türk" 10.09.2025, [online:] bakalim-basliyoruz-2333960 (accessed 4.09.2025).

⁷ NATO'dan Polonya adımı: Doğu kanadı güçlendiriliyor!, "CNN Türk" 13.09.2025, [online:] https://www.cnnturk.com/video/dunya/natodan-polonya-adimi-dogu-kanadi-guclendiriliyor-2335102 (accessed 24.09.2025).



CNN Türk September 14, 00:30	Poland and Romania Scrambled Military Aircraft Due to the Threat from Russian Drones ⁸	* Prime Minister Donald Tusk: Announced the end of the state of emergency, thanked all those involved in air and ground operations, and emphasised the need to maintain a high level of readiness.
		* Poland: Reported that alarm sirens sounded in towns along the country's eastern border. Confirmed that drones repeatedly violating Polish airspace during Russian attacks on Ukraine were shot down.
		* Romania (Ministry of Defence): Reported that two F-16 fighter jets had been deployed to monitor the border; a Russian drone was tracked in Romanian airspace for approximately 20 kilometres. It did not fly overpopulated areas and posed no threat.
		* Russian Ministry of Defence: Asserted that no sites in Poland were targeted.
TRT Haber (state-owned outlet) September 10, 06:21	Alert Regarding Russian Drones in Polish Airspace: NATO Acts ⁹	* Main report: Polish air defence forces have for the first time since the start of the war directly shot down aerial targets.

⁸ Polonya ve Romanya, Rus İHA tehdidi üzerine savaş uçaklarını havalandırdı, "CNN Türk" 14.09.2025, [online:] https://www.cnnturk.com/dunya/polonya-ve-romanya-rus-iha-tehdidi-uzerine-savas-ucaklarini-havalandirdi-2335289 (accessed 24.09.2025).

⁹ Polonya hava sahasında Rus İHA alarmı: NATO devreye girdi, "TRT Haber" 10.09.2025, [online:] https://www.trthaber.com/haber/dunya/polonya-hava-sahasinda-rus-iha-alarmi-nato-devreye-girdi-919377.html (accessed 24.09.2025).



		* Statement from the Polish Armed Forces: Confirmed that Poland remains on high alert following repeated airspace violations. * Additional measures: The border with Belarus was closed. In connection with the "Zapad" military exercises, security measures were heightened in Poland and the Baltic states.
TRT Haber September 10, 10:43	NATO Announced That It Has Acted in Response to Numerous Unmanned Aerial Vehicles Entering Polish Airspace ¹⁰	* NATO spokesperson Allison Hart: reported that several unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) had entered Polish airspace and outlined NATO's actions taken to neutralise them.
TRT Haber September 10, 11:27	The EU Supports Poland, Which Announced the Shooting Down of Russian Drones Violating Its Airspace ¹¹	* Kaja Kallas stated that she remains in contact with NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte and Polish Foreign Minister Radosław Sikorski, expressing full solidarity with Warsaw. * Kaja Kallas added that the European Union would support initiatives like Poland's Eastern Border Shield project.

NATO, Polonya'nın hava sahasına giren çok sayıda İHA'ya karşılık verildiğini duyurdu, "TRT Haber" 10.09.2025, [online:] https://www.trthaber.com/haber/dunya/nato-polonyanin-hava-sahasina-giren-cok-sayida-ihaya-karsilik-verildigini-duyurdu-919409.html (accessed 24.09.2025).

AB'den hava sahasını ihlal eden Rus İHA'larını düşürdüğünü açıklayan Polonya'ya destek, "TRT Haber" 10.09.2025, [online:] https://www.trthaber.com/haber/dunya/abden-hava-sahasini-ihlal-eden-rus-ihalarini-dusurdugunu-aciklayan-polonyaya-destek-919423.html (accessed 24.09.2025).



		* European Council President António Costa emphasised that Europe should increase investment in defence.
TRT Haber September 10, 16:52	Russia: Poland Was Not the Target During Attacks on Ukraine ¹²	* Russian Ministry of Defence: stated that its strikes targeted Ukrainian defence industry facilities, not sites in Poland. * Poland: announced that it had repeatedly shot down drones violating its airspace. During an extraordinary government session, Prime Minister Donald Tusk emphasised that these violations occurred repeatedly amid Russian attacks on Ukraine.
TRT Haber September 10, 18:38	The United Kingdom Considers Options to Strengthen NATO Air Defence over Poland ¹³	* Meeting: Defence ministers of the United Kingdom, Germany, France, Italy, and Poland discussed measures to strengthen NATO's air defence capabilities over Poland. * John Healey (United Kingdom) stated that President Putin has escalated hostility towards Europe, describing Russia's actions as "brazen, dangerous, and unprecedented." He emphasised that the Alliance is obliged to protect Poland and continue supporting Ukraine.

Rusya: Ukrayna'ya yapılan saldırılarda Polonya hedef alınmadı, "TRT Haber" 10.09.2025, [online:]
https://www.trthaber.com/haber/dunya/rusya-ukraynaya-yapilan-saldirilarda-polonya-hedef-alinmadi-919460.html (accessed 24.09.2025).

¹³ İngiltere, Polonya üzerindeki NATO hava savunmasını güçlendirmek için seçenekleri değerlendirecek, "TRT Haber" 10.09.2025, [online:] https://www.trthaber.com/haber/dunya/ingiltere-polonya-uzerindeki-nato-hava-savunmasini-guclendirmek-icin-secenekleri-degerlendirecek-919468.html (accessed 24.09.2025).



		* Guido Crosetto (Italy) stated that NATO is prepared to uphold mutual defence commitments. He also observed that Russia is conducting a hybrid war, including cyberattacks, which must be taken seriously. * Alice Rufo (France) affirmed that France is prepared to support Poland and is coordinating efforts to bolster Ukraine's defence. * Władysław Kosiniak-Kamysz (Poland) emphasised the importance of greater unity and coherence within the Alliance. He highlighted that the response to the violation was collective — involving not only
		Polish but also allied assets — and called for further discussion within NATO to enable even more effective responses in the future.
TRT Haber	UN: We Are Watching the	* Stéphane Dujarric (Spokesperson for the UN Secretary-General) stated
September 10, 21:52	Incursion of Russian Drones into Polish Airspace with "Great Concern" 14	that the Secretary-General is monitoring with great concern the reports of Russian drones entering Polish airspace and the damage caused in populated areas.

¹⁴ BM: Rus İHA'larının Polonya hava sahasına girmesini "büyük bir endişe" ile izliyoruz, "TRT Haber" 10.09.2025, [online:] https://www.trthaber.com/haber/dunya/bm-rus-ihalarinin-polonya-hava-sahasina-girmesini-buyuk-bir-endise-ile-izliyoruz-919479.html (accessed 24.09.2025).



		* United Nations (statement by Dujarric): emphasised that Ukraine urgently needs a full, immediate, and unconditional ceasefire, as well as a just, comprehensive, and lasting peace that safeguards its sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity.
TRT Haber September 11, 17:30	Poland Will Deploy Nearly 40,000 Soldiers at the Border Due to Russian and Belarusian Military Exercises ¹⁵	* Cezary Tomczyk (Polish Deputy Minister of National Defence) stated, "Let us not forget that the war in Ukraine started right here. That is why the Polish army is preparing. In the coming days, we will have around 40,000 soldiers at the border." * Tomczyk added that the violation of Polish airspace by Russian drones is connected to the Zapad-2025 military exercises.
TRT Haber September 11, 19:05	Germany to Expand Its "Air Policing" Mission over Poland ¹⁶	* German Government Spokesperson announced that Germany would strengthen its support for Ukraine and work towards the adoption of the 19th European Union sanctions package against Russia.

¹⁵ Polonya, Rusya ve Belarus'un askeri tatbikatı nedeniyle sınıra 40 bine yakın asker konuşlandıracak, "TRT Haber" 11.09.2025, [online:] https://www.trthaber.com/haber/dunya/polonya-rusya-ve-belarusun-askeri-tatbikati-nedeniyle-sinira-40-bine-yakin-asker-konuşlandıracak-919588.html (accessed 24.09.2025).

¹⁶ Almanya, Polonya üzerindeki "hava polisliği" görevini genişletecek, "TRT Haber" 11.09.2025, [online:] https://www.trthaber.com/haber/dunya/almanya-polonya-uzerindeki-hava-polisligi-gorevini-genisletecek-919594.html (accessed 24.09.2025).



TRT Haber September 11, 21:10	Belarus: We Condemn the Closure of Airspace over the Border by Poland and Latvia ¹⁷	* Belarusian Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Strongly condemned the actions of Poland and Latvia, which effectively closed their airspace along the border with Belarus. * Minsk: Urged Western partners for "responsible and constructive cooperation in the interest of peace and security."
TRT Haber September 10, 16:52	France Sends Rafale Fighter Jets to Strengthen NATO Air Defence in Poland ¹⁸	* President Emmanuel Macron stated that he had spoken with NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte, UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer, and Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk regarding the protection of Polish airspace. * Poland: Announced the interception of several drones violating its airspace. * Russian Ministry of Defence: Declared that intensive strikes had been carried out on military targets in Ukraine and reiterated that Poland was not among the intended targets.

¹⁷ Belarus: Polonya ve Letonya'nın sınır boyunca hava sahasını kapatmasını kınıyoruz, "TRT Haber" 11.09.2025, [online:] https://www.trthaber.com/haber/dunya/belarus-polonya-ve-letonyanin-sinir-boyunca-hava-sahasini-kapatmasıni-kiniyoruz-919602.html (accessed 24.09.2024).

¹⁸ Fransa, Polonya'daki NATO hava savunmasını güçlendirmek için Rafale savaş uçağı gönderiyor, "TRT Haber" 11.09.2025, [online:] https://www.trthaber.com/haber/dunya/fransa-polonyadaki-nato-hava-savunmasini-guclendirmek-icin-rafale-savas-ucagi-gonderiyor-919609.html (accessed 24.09.2025).



TRT Haber September 13, 22:31	Poland and Romania Scrambled Fighter Jets in Response to the Threat from Russian Drones ¹⁹	* Poland and Romania: Scrambled fighter jets in response to the threat posed by Russian unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) attacks on Ukraine. * Prime Minister Donald Tusk explained that, due to threats in Ukrainian regions near the Polish border, preventive operations were launched using Polish and allied aircraft operating within Polish airspace. * Romania (Defence Minister Ionuț Moșteanu) reported the detection of a Russian UAV that violated Romanian airspace. * Russian Defence Ministry: Announced that heavy strikes had been carried out on military targets in Ukraine and reaffirmed that Poland was not among the intended targets.
A Haber (pro-government outlet) September 10, 09:13	Europe and Russia Clash in the Air! Poland Shoots Down Russian Drones ²⁰	* Main report: Poland shot down Russian drones in what was described as an "act of aggression," raising fears of a potential war.

Polonya ve Romanya, Rus İHA tehdidi üzerine savaş uçaklarını havalandırdı, "TRT Haber" 13.09.2025, [online:] https://www.trthaber.com/haber/dunya/polonya-ve-romanya-rus-iha-tehdidi-uzerine-savas-ucaklarini-havalandirdi-919801.html (accessed 24.09.2025).

²⁰ Avrupa ile Rusya havada karşı karsıya! Polonya Rus İHA'larını düşürdü, "A Haber" 10.09.2025, [online:] https://www.ahaber.com.tr/galeri/dunya/avrupa-ile-rusya-havada-karsi-karsiya-polonya-rus-ihalarini-dusurdu (accessed 24.09.2025).



		* Władysław Kosiniak-Kamysz (Polish Minister of National Defence): Announced that, in coordination with NATO, the Territorial Defence Forces had been deployed to recover drone debris. * United States: Commented that the incident could be interpreted as an attempt to "test NATO." U.S. State Department Spokesperson Ned Price suggested that Russia might have sought to assess the Alliance's defensive response. * Geopolitical context: The incident took place shortly after President Vladimir Putin's meetings with Xi Jinping and Kim Jong Un in China, followed by Russia's largest aerial assault on Ukraine since the start of the war — involving over 800 drones and targeting, among other sites, a government building in Kyiv. * Poland: Announced the closure of its border with Belarus in relation to the Zapad military exercises. * Russia: Claimed that the intended targets were situated in Ukraine, not in Poland.
A Haber September 10, 18:20	Surprising Statement by Trump on Russia's Violation of Poland: "Here We Go" ²¹	* U.S. President Donald Trump: Commented, "What does Russia's violation of Polish airspace mean? Here we go."

²¹ Trump'tan Rusya'nın Polonya ihlaline çarpıcı çıkış: İşte başlıyoruz, "A Haber" 10.09.2025, [online:] https://www.ahaber.com.tr/dunya/2025/09/10/trumptan-rusyanin-polonya-ihlaline-dikkat-ceken-mesaj-iste-basliyoruz (accessed 24.09.2025).



		* Prime Minister Donald Tusk: During an extraordinary government session, reported that several unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) had repeatedly violated Polish airspace amid Russian attacks on Ukraine. * Poland as a U.S. ally: Highlighted as a country of key importance in U.S. defence strategy due to its proximity to Russia, the presence of U.S. forces, F-16 and Ukrainian pilot training programs, and potential future transfer of F-35 aircraft. * European Union and NATO: Delivered a swift and coordinated response to the incident. * Russia: Claimed that the drones were not aimed at Poland. * Comparison: Suggested that Washington's limited reaction to legal's shelling of Oatar contrasted.
		Israel's shelling of Qatar contrasted with the potentially a firmer U.S. stance regarding Poland.
A Haber September 13, 22:54	Facing the Threat from Russia, Poland and Romania Acted! Fighter Jets Were Scrambled ²²	* Poland (10 September): Announced that it had shot down several unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) that repeatedly violated its airspace during Russian attacks on Ukraine.

²² Rusya tehdidi üzerine Polonya ve Romanya harekete geçti! Savaş uçakları faaliyete geçti, "A Haber" 13.09.2025, [online:] <a href="https://www.ahaber.com.tr/dunya/2025/09/13/rusya-tehdidi-uzerine-polonya-ve-romanya-harekete-gecti-savas-ucaklari-faaliyete-gecti



		* Russian Ministry of Defence stated that the heavy strikes targeted military objectives in Ukraine and stressed that Poland was not among the intended targets. * Poland: Reported that alarm sirens had sounded in towns along the country's eastern border. * Romania (Defence Minister Ionuț Moșteanu): Condemned Russia's "reckless" behaviour, which threatens regional stability, and declared readiness to stay alert with NATO and defend "every inch" of Alliance airspace.
Hürriyet (currently pro- government outlet) September 10, 13:26	Russian Drones That Violated Polish Airspace Have Been Shot Down! Four Airports Closed to Civilian Flights ²³	* For the first time since the start of the war in Ukraine, Poland—a NATO member—confronted Russian forces directly. On Wednesday morning, the Polish military shot down Russian drones that had repeatedly intruded into Polish airspace. * Prime Minister Donald Tusk: Announced that "an operation is underway during which Polish airspace was violated multiple times." * U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (Democrat): Described the repeated violations of NATO airspace by Russian drones as "a test of Putin's determination."

Polonya hava sahasını ihlal eden Rus yapımı İHA'lar düşürüldü! Dört havaalanı sivil uçuşlara kapatıldı, "Hürriyet" 10.09.2025, [online:] https://www.hurriyet.com.tr/video/polonya-hava-sahasini-ihlal-eden-rus-yapimi-ihalar-dusuruldu-dort-havaalani-sivil-ucuslara-kapatıldi-42943847 (accessed 24.09.2025).



- * U.S. Congress Member Joe Wilson (Republican): Called the incident "an act of war."
- * President of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelensky, stated, "This is another stage of escalation. Russian-Iranian Shaheds operated over NATO airspace. This is a very dangerous precedent for Europe. The Russians must face consequences—they must understand that the war cannot be expanded and must be ended."
- * Kaja Kallas declared that the European Union stands in solidarity with Poland, describing the incident as "the most serious violation of European airspace since the beginning of the war." She added that Russia is escalating rather than ending the conflict; therefore, the costs of war for Moscow must be increased, support for Ukraine strengthened, and investment in Europe's defence accelerated. She also announced support for initiatives such as the Eastern Shield project to reinforce Poland's borders with Russia and Belarus.
- * European Council President António Costa: Described the violation of Polish airspace as "unacceptable" and stressed: "Last night's events clearly remind us that the security of one is the security of all."



		* Ukraine (civilian impact): On the same day, Russia struck civilian targets in eastern Ukraine, resulting in the deaths of 24 elderly individuals. Moscow denied targeting civilians, but since the start of the invasion in 2022, tens of thousands have lost their lives. * Notably, there was no official statement from Moscow concerning this specific incident.
Hürriyet September 10, 13:54	Polish Prime Minister Tusk: For the First Time on the Territory of a NATO Member Country, Russian Drones Have Been Shot Down ²⁴	* Russian drones encroached upon Polish airspace. * Operational Command of the Polish Armed Forces: Issued a statement declaring, "We witnessed an unprecedented violation of our airspace. This is an act of aggression threatening the safety of our citizens." * In the morning, President Karol Nawrocki held talks with Prime Minister Donald Tusk at the National Security Bureau. Tusk subsequently called an extraordinary government session.

Polonya Başbakanı Tusk, NATO ülkesi topraklarında ilk kez Rusya'ya ait İHA'lar düşürüldü, "Hürriyet" 10.09.2025, [online:] https://www.hurriyet.com.tr/video/polonya-basbakani-tusk-nato-ulkesi-topraklarında-ilk-kez-rusyaya-ait-ihalar-dusuruldu-42943894 (accessed 24.09.2025).



Hürriyet

September 10, 15:00

For the First Time, Poland Directly Engaged the Russian Army: U.S. F-35s Participated in the Operation! Warning for Millions of Poles: "Do Not Leave Your Homes"²⁵

- * Polish Air Force: Reported that approximately ten drones were heading towards Polish territory.
- * U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (Democrat): Called the violation "a test of Putin's determination."
- * U.S. Congressman Joe Wilson (Republican): Described the incident as "an act of war."
- * NATO Spokesperson Allison Hart confirmed that "numerous drones entered Polish airspace during the night."
- * NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte reported that Poland had requested consultations under Article 4 of the North Atlantic Treaty. Following the meeting, he emphasised that allies expressed solidarity with Poland and condemned "Russia's reckless actions," adding that "this was not an isolated incident."
- * Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky: Called for a firm international response to Russia's aggression.
- * EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Kaja Kallas condemned the violation of Polish airspace.

²⁵ Polonya ilk kez Rus ordusunu doğrudan hedef aldı: ABD F-35'i operasyona katıldı! Milyonlarca Polonyalıya 'Evinizden ayrılmayın' uyarısı, "Hürriyet" 10.09.2025, [online:] https://www.hurriyet.com.tr/dunya/polonya-ilk-kez-rus-ordusunu-dogrudan-hedef-aldi-abd-f-35i-saldiriya-katildi-milyonlarca-polonyaliya-evinizden-ayrilmayin-uyarisi-42943411 (accessed 24.09.2025).



		* European Council President António Costa: Called the breach "unacceptable." * Kremlin: Declined to comment. Press Secretary Dmitry Peskov stated, "We prefer not to comment; this matter falls under the Ministry of Defence's competence." * Chargé d'Affaires of the Russian Embassy in Warsaw, Andrei Ordash, stated that Poland had not provided any evidence that the downed drones were of Russian origin, describing the accusations as "baseless." * Russia (official statement) reported that the strikes on eastern Ukraine had caused civilian casualties in the Donbas region. Moscow again denied deliberately targeting
		civilians, despite tens of thousands of deaths since the start of the 2022 invasion.
Hürriyet September 10, 16:28–16:31	Is Poland Joining the War? ²⁶	* NATO reported that numerous unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) had entered Polish airspace and that defensive measures had been implemented.
		* Operational Command of the Polish Armed Forces stated, "Poland and allied units tracked dozens of objects on radar; a decision was made to neutralise those that could pose a threat."

²⁶ Polonya savaşa mı dahil oluyor?, "Hürriyet" 10.09.2025, [online:] https://www.hurriyet.com.tr/dunya/live-polonya-savasa-mi-dahil-oluyor-42944129#post-1 (accessed 24.09.2025).



		* NATO Spokesperson Allison Hart announced that Polish and NATO air defence systems responded jointly to the threat. * Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky described the violation of Polish airspace by Russian drones as "an especially dangerous precedent"
		for Europe" and stressed that the Russian military conducted drone and missile attacks on various parts of Ukraine during the night.
		* EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Kaja Kallas expressed solidarity with Poland, calling the incident "the most serious violation of European airspace since the start of the war in Ukraine."
Hürriyet September 10, 19:39	Trump Comments on the Violation of Polish Airspace by Russian Drones: "Here We Go" ²⁷	* U.S. President Donald Trump: Stated, "Why is Russia violating Polish airspace with drones? Here we go."
	TICIC WE GO	* Poland reported that its airspace was repeatedly violated by drones during Russian attacks on Ukrainian targets.

²⁷ Trump'tan Rus İHA'larının Polonya hava sahasını ihlal etmesine "İşte başlıyoruz" yorumu, "Hürriyet" 10.09.2025, [online:] https://www.hurriyet.com.tr/dunya/trumptan-rus-ihalarinin-polonya-hava-sahasini-ihlal-etmesine-iste-basliyoruz-yorumu-42944313 (doaccessed 4.09.2025).



Hürriyet

September 11, 07:00

Europe Declares Red Alert... Russian Drones Entered Poland, a NATO Member State²⁸

- * For the first time since the start of the war in Ukraine, a swarm of kamikaze drones entered the airspace of a NATO member state— Poland—leading to the declaration of a "combat alert."
- * Prime Minister Donald Tusk: Asserted that the drones were deliberately and provocatively sent by Moscow and called on NATO to initiate consultations under Article 4 of the North Atlantic Treaty.
- * Military experts assessed that the incident was an attempt to transfer the conflict in Ukraine onto NATO territory. Polish early warning radars detected a swarm of drones approaching from Belarus and entering Polish airspace on Wednesday morning.
- * UK Defence Minister John Healey: Commented that "once again, we see what Putin is doing—he is testing us."
- * German Defence Minister Boris Pistorius described the incident as a "deliberate provocation."
- * U.S. President Donald Trump stated, "Why is Russia violating Polish airspace with drones? Well, here we go."

²⁸ Avrupa kırmızı alarm verdi... Rus dronları NATO ülkesi Polonya'ya girdi, "Hürriyet" 11.09.2025, [online:] https://www.hurriyet.com.tr/dunya/avrupa-kirmizi-alarm-verdi-rus-dronlari-nato-ulkesi-polonyaya-girdi-42944481 (accessed 24.09.2025).



- * Russia responded coolly and did not apologise. Chargé d'Affaires of the Russian Embassy in Warsaw, Andrei Ordash, stated that Poland was accusing Russia without evidence and that no materials had been provided to confirm the drones' origin. Kremlin Spokesperson Dmitry Peskov added that Moscow had not received any official note from Poland regarding the incident.
- * Belarus: Chief of the General Staff Pavel Muraviyeko asserted that Minsk had aided Poland, noting that a "serious drone war" was ongoing between Russia and Ukraine. He mentioned that Belarus detected drones crossing Polish airspace, destroyed some of them, and issued a warning to Poland—highlighting that there was no intentional provocation.
- * Ukraine: President Volodymyr Zelensky reiterated his call for the establishment of a joint European air defence system.
- * Experts and analysts suggested that Russia aimed to test NATO's response, noting that most Western arms deliveries to Ukraine pass through Rzeszów Airport, which could be targeted in the future. They warned that if the current incident does not lead to a major crisis, the next escalation might involve a missile strike on this base.



		* Russia and Belarus: Announced that thousands of soldiers would start the week-long Zapad-2025 military exercises near the Polish border on Friday.
Hürriyet September 11, 17:32	Concerns About Russia Prompted Poland to Take Action ²⁹	* Polish Deputy Minister of National Defence Cezary Tomczyk announced that, in response to the joint Russian-Belarusian military exercises Zapad-2025, approximately 40,000 soldiers would be deployed along Poland's eastern border. * Poland further announced that, in connection with Zapad-2025, it would close its border with Belarus—including railway crossings—from midnight until further notice.
Hürriyet September 13, 22:52	Poland and Romania Scrambled Fighter Jets in Response to the Threat Posed by Russian Drones ³⁰	* Social media footage: Clips shared online show alarm sirens sounding in towns near Poland's eastern border. * Romania (Minister of Defence Ionuț Moșteanu): Reported the detection of a Russian drone that had violated the country's airspace, describing Moscow's actions as "reckless" and a threat to regional stability.

²⁹ Rusya endişesi Polonya'yı harekete geçirdi, "Hürriyet" 11.09.2025, [online:] https://www.hurriyet.com.tr/dunya/rusya-endisesi-polonyayi-harekete-gecirdi-42945458 (accessed 24.09.2025).

³⁰ Polonya ve Romanya, Rus İHA tehdidi üzerine savaş uçaklarını havalandırdı, "Hürriyet" 13.09.2025, [online:] https://www.hurriyet.com.tr/dunya/polonya-ve-romanya-rus-iha-tehdidi-uzerine-savas-ucaklarini-havalandirdi-42948015 (accessed 24.09.2025).



		* Poland announced on 10 September that its airspace had been repeatedly violated by drones during Russian attacks on Ukrainian targets. * Russian Ministry of Defence: Confirmed conducting intensive strikes on military targets in Ukraine but emphasised that no objects in Poland were targeted.
Cumhuriyet (opposition outlet) September 10, 10:13	Poland Shot Down Russian Drones That Violated Its Airspace ³¹	* Poland reports that its armed forces have shot down drones that breached Polish airspace during large-scale Russian attacks on western Ukraine. * Prime Minister Donald Tusk: Described the incident as "an act of aggression." * Ukraine: The Lviv and Volyn regions stayed on air raid alert throughout the night. * President of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelensky, stated that Russia had launched 415 drones and 40 missiles in a single night, at least eight of which targeted Poland. He described the attack as "a dangerous precedent for Europe" and called for a "strong and unified response."

³¹ Polonya, hava sahasını ihlal eden Rus dronlarını düşürdü, "Cumhuriyet" 10.09.2025, [online:] https://www.cumhuriyet.com.tr/dunya/polonya-hava-sahasini-ihlal-eden-rus-dronlarini-dusurdu-2433838 (accessed 24.09.2025).



- * United States: Strong reactions emerged from both Democrats and Republicans. Senator Dick Durbin stated, "Putin is testing NATO's resolve; these violations cannot be ignored." Republican Congressman Joe Wilson described the incident as "an act of war" and called on President Trump to impose new sanctions.
- * Russian Ministry of Defence: Did not comment in response to Reuters' enquiry.
- * Kremlin (earlier statement):
 Asserted that it had no intention of attacking NATO and claimed that the West was attempting to "portray Russia as an enemy."
- * Poland has remained on high alert since 2022, when a missile launched from Ukraine struck a border village, killing two people.
- * Border security: Poland announced it will close its border with Belarus on Thursday night. The Zapad military exercises have increased security concerns in Poland, Lithuania, and Latvia.



Cumhuriyet

September 10, 13:12

Poland Is Calling on NATO to Invoke Article 4: What Does It Mean?³²

- * Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk announced that, in response to the violation of Polish airspace by nineteen Russian drones, Poland would submit an official request to invoke Article 4 of the North Atlantic Treaty. He noted that most of the violations had originated from the Belarusian side.
- * Polish authorities described the incursion as an "act of aggression."
- * Article explanation: The article offers an overview of what Article 4 involves, how it differs from Article 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty, and how many times it has been invoked in NATO's history. Among the most notable examples mentioned are the requests made by Eastern European countries following Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine.
- * NATO spokesperson Allison Hart emphasised that NATO and Polish air defence forces cooperated in neutralising the Russian drones and added that "NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte remains in contact with Warsaw."

³² Polonya'dan NATO'ya '4. Madde' çağrısı: Bu ne anlama geliyor?, "Cumhuriyet" 10.09.2025, [online:] https://www.cumhuriyet.com.tr/dunya/polonya-dan-nato-ya-4-madde-cagrisi-bu-ne-anlama-geliyor-2433919 (accessed 24.09.2025).



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Cumhuriyet September 10, 14:36	The Kremlin's Response to Poland's Accusations Regarding the Violation by Russian Drones ³³	* Kremlin Spokesperson Dmitry Peskov stated, "We do not wish to comment on this matter. It does not fall within our competence; it is under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation." * He accused Western leaders of "blaming Russia for provocations every day, often without even attempting to provide any arguments." * Peskov added that Russia had not received any direct request for contact from the authorities in
Cumhuriyet September 11, 17:38	Response to Russian-Belarusian Drills: Polish Army on High Alert ³⁴	* Polish Deputy Minister of National Defence Cezary Tomczyk announced that, in response to the joint Russian-Belarusian military exercises Zapad-2025 taking place along Poland's eastern border, approximately 40,000 Polish soldiers would be deployed. * Poland announced that, due to the Zapad-2025 exercises, the border with Belarus would be closed from midnight until further notice.

³³ Polonya'nın 'Rus İHA ihlali' iddiasına Kremlin'den yanıt, "Cumhuriyet" 10.09.2025, [online:] https://www.cumhuriyet.com.tr/dunya/polonya-nin-rus-iha-ihlali-iddiasina-kremlin-den-yanit-2433938 (accessed 24.09.2025).

³⁴ Rusya-Belarus tatbikatına misilleme: Polonya ordusu alarma geçti, "Cumhuriyet" 11.09.2025, [online:] https://www.cumhuriyet.com.tr/dunya/rusya-belarus-tatbikatına-misilleme-polonya-ordusu-alarma-gecti-2434321 (accessed 24.09.2025).



Cumhuriyet September 10, 16:52	Crisis in NATO- Russia Relations over Airspace: Has the "Red Line" Been Crossed? ³⁵	* Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk: Issued a statement regarding the breach of Polish airspace by Russian drones. * Kremlin Spokesperson Dmitry Peskov said: "The leadership of the EU and NATO accuses Russia of provocations every day. However, most of the time, they do not present any evidence." * Expert commentary: Interview with Dr. Karolina Wanda Olszowska (Poland), who provided expert analysis on the breach of Polish airspace by Russian drones and its implications for NATO-Russia relations.
Cumhuriyet September 14, 00:37	Poland and Romania Scrambled Fighter Jets in Response to the Threat Posed by Russian Drones ³⁶	* Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk stated, "Due to the threat from Russian drones operating in regions of Ukraine near the Polish border, preventive operations involving Polish and allied aircraft were launched in our airspace." In a subsequent statement, he announced that the state of emergency had been lifted. * Social media: Videos emerged showing air raid sirens being activated in towns near Poland's eastern border.

³⁵ NATO-Rusya hattında 'hava sahası' krizi: 'Kırmızı çizgi' aşıldı mı?, "Cumhuriyet" 12.09.2025, [online:] https://www.cumhuriyet.com.tr/dunya/nato-rusya-hattinda-hava-sahasi-krizi-kirmizi-cizgi-asildi-mi-2434506 (accessed 24.09.2025).

³⁶ Polonya ve Romanya, Rus İHA tehdidi üzerine savaş uçaklarını havalandırdı, "Cumhuriyet" 14.09.2025, [online:] https://www.cumhuriyet.com.tr/dunya/polonya-ve-romanya-rus-iha-tehdidi-uzerine-savas-ucaklarini-havalandirdi-2434889 (accessed 24.09.2025).



		* Romania reported that a Russian drone had been detected in its airspace near the border with Ukraine. * Poland (10 September): Announced that during Russian attacks on Ukrainian targets, its airspace had been repeatedly violated by drones. * Russian Ministry of Defence stated that the intensive strikes were directed at military targets in Ukraine and emphasized that no infrastructure in Poland had been targeted.
Cumhuriyet September 14, 15:48	The Crisis Between NATO and Russia Is Intensifying: After Poland, Now Romania ³⁷	* Romanian Ministry of Defence announced that during Russian attacks on infrastructure near the border with Ukraine, an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) entered Romanian airspace. The ministry urged residents of the Tulcea region to take shelter because of the risk of explosions near the border. * Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky stated, "This is an attempt by Russia to expand the war. Sanctions, trade restrictions, and joint defence measures are necessary."

³⁷ NATO ile Rusya arasındaki kriz tırmanıyor: Polonya'dan sonra Romanya, "Cumhuriyet" 14.09.2025, [online:] https://www.cumhuriyet.com.tr/dunya/nato-ile-rusya-arasindaki-kriz-tirmaniyor-polonya-dan-sonra-romanya-2435009 (accessed 24.09.2025).



		* Context: The incident took place three days after Poland, with the support of its NATO allies, shot down Russian UAVs. * Romania (Parliament): Earlier this year, passed a law authorising the downing of UAVs during peacetime if they illegally enter national airspace, subject to the assessed level of threat. However, the law's implementing regulations have not yet come into force.
Anadolu Ajansı (state-owned outlet) September 10	Poland: We Shot Down Several Russian Unmanned Aerial Vehicles That Violated Our Airspace ³⁸	* The Operational Command of the Polish Armed Forces reported that "unprecedented" violations of Polish airspace occurred during Russian attacks on Ukrainian territory. * President of Poland, Karol Nawrocki, stated that he remained in regular contact throughout the incident with the presidents of allied countries and with NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte. * Poland: At least nineteen airspace violations confirmed, with a considerable number of UAVs approaching from the direction of Belarus.

³⁸ Polonya: Hava sahamızı ihlal eden bazı Rus insansız hava araçlarını düşürdük, "Anadolu Ajansı" 10.09.2025, [online:] https://www.aa.com.tr/tr/dunya/polonya-hava-sahamizi-ihlal-eden-bazi-rus-insansiz-hava-araclarini-dusurduk/3683287 (accessed 24.09.2025).



		* Article overview: The report gathered statements from key international figures regarding the airspace violation, including NATO Spokesperson Allison Hart, NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte, Kremlin Spokesperson Dmitry Peskov, the Russian Ministry of Defence, UN Secretary-General Spokesperson Stéphane Dujarric, EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Kaja Kallas, European Council President António Costa, U.S. President Donald Trump, German Chancellor Friedrich Merz, German Foreign Minister Johann Wadephul, and NATO Deputy Secretary General David van Weel, who described the Russian airspace violation as "unacceptable."
Anadolu Ajansı September 10	The EU Plans to Strengthen Security in the Eastern Part of the Union ³⁹	* President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, stated that Russia had launched the largest number of UAVs and ballistic missiles against Ukraine since the beginning of the war last week. She added, "Today we witnessed more than ten Russian unmanned aerial vehicles recklessly and unprecedentedly violating Polish and European airspace. Europe stands in full solidarity with Poland." * The report also included a summary of the annual State of the Union address delivered by von der Leyen during the plenary session of the European Parliament.

³⁹ AB, doğu kanadının güvenliğini güçlendirmeyi planlıyor, "Anadolu Ajansı" 10.09.2025, [online:] https://www.aa.com.tr/tr/dunya/abdogu-kanadinin-guvenligini-guclendirmeyi-planliyor/3683756 (accessed 24.09.2025).



Anadolu Ajansı September 10	UK Prime Minister Starmer: The United Kingdom "Will Continue to Increase Pressure on Vladimir Putin" ⁴⁰	* British Prime Minister Keir Starmer: During a parliamentary question session, addressed several key issues, including Israel's attack on Qatar, the violation of Polish airspace by Russian drones, and matters concerning the British ambassador in Washington.
Anadolu Ajansı September 10	Trump Comments on the Violation of Polish Airspace by Russian Drones: "Here We Go" ⁴¹	* U.S. President Donald Trump: Commented on the violation of Polish airspace by Russian drones, stating, "Here we go." * Poland announced that it had repeatedly shot down several drones that violated its airspace during Russian attacks on targets in Ukraine.
Anadolu Ajansı September 10, 16:52	France Sends Rafale Fighter Jets to Strengthen NATO's Air Defence in Poland ⁴²	* French President Emmanuel Macron stated that he had met with NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte, UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer, and Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk to discuss measures aimed at protecting Polish airspace. * Article sources: The report also cited statements from the Operational Command of the Polish Armed Forces and from the Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation.

⁴⁰ İngiltere Başbakanı Starmer, Putin'in üzerindeki baskıyı artırmaya devam edeceklerini söyledi, "Anadolu Ajansı" 10.09.2025, [online:] https://www.aa.com.tr/tr/dunya/ingiltere-basbakani-starmer-putinin-uzerindeki-baskiyi-artirmaya-devam-edeceklerini-soyledi/3683814 (accessed 24.09.2025).

⁴¹ Trump'tan Rus İHA'larının Polonya hava sahasını ihlal etmesine "İşte başlıyoruz" yorumu, "Anadolu Ajansı" 10.09.2025, [online:] https://www.aa.com.tr/tr/dunya/trumptan-rus-ihalarinin-polonya-hava-sahasini-ihlal-etmesine-iste-basliyoruz-yorumu-/3683970 (accessed 4.09.2025).

⁴² Fransa, Polonya üzerindeki NATO hava savunmasını güçlendirmek için Rafale savaş uçağı gönderiyor, "Anadolu Ajansı" 11.09.2025, [online:] https://www.aa.com.tr/tr/dunya/fransa-polonya-uzerindeki-nato-hava-savunmasini-guclendirmek-icin-rafale-savas-ucagi-gonderiyor/3685304 (accessed 24.09.2025).



Anadolu Ajansı September 12	Trump Commented on Russia's Violation of Polish Airspace, Saying: "Perhaps It Was a Mistake" ⁴³	* U.S. President Donald Trump: Issued a statement regarding the violation of Polish airspace by Russian unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), saying, "There may have been a mistake." * Poland announced that Russian UAVs had repeatedly trespassed into its airspace during attacks on targets in Ukraine and had been shot down by the Polish Air Force. * The report also included Trump's remarks regarding Israel's attack on Qatar and the conviction of former Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro for attempting a coup.
Anadolu Ajansı September 12	NATO Establishes an Integrated System to Strengthen the Defence of the Eastern Flank ⁴⁴	* NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte stated that, following the violation of Poland's airspace by Russia, the Alliance—together with member countries—had launched a new initiative called Eastern Sentry. * The text contained a full report from Mark Rutte's press conference.

⁴³ Trump'tan Rusya'nın Polonya hava sahasını ihlal etmesine "hata olmuş olabilir" yorumu, "Anadolu Ajansı" 12.09.2025, [online:] https://www.aa.com.tr/tr/dunya/trumptan-rusyanin-polonya-hava-sahasini-ihlal-etmesine-hata-olmus-olabilir-yorumu/3685355 (accessed 24.09.2025).

⁴⁴ NATO doğu kanadının savunmasını güçlendirmek için entegre sistem kuruyor, "Anadolu Ajansı" 12.09.2025, [online:] https://www.aa.com.tr/tr/dunya/nato-dogu-kanadinin-savunmasini-guclendirmek-icin-entegre-sistem-kuruyor/3686084 (accessed 24.09.2025).



Anadolu Ajansı September 12	UN: We Have Followed with Deep Concern the Reports of Russian Drones Violating Polish Airspace ⁴⁵	* Rosemary DiCarlo, UN Under-Secretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs, stated, "We have followed with deep concern the reports of Russian unmanned aerial vehicles violating Polish airspace," and added that the United Nations had not been able to verify these claims or reports. * DiCarlo noted that this was the first time Poland and its NATO allies had used force to neutralise such a threat. She stressed that UN Secretary-General António Guterres had repeated his call for all parties to act responsibly and to avoid rhetoric or actions that could further escalate already dangerously high tensions.
Anadolu Ajansı September 13	Acting Chargé d'Affaires of the U.S. Mission to the UN, Shea: "We Will Defend Every Inch of NATO Territory"46	* Dorothy Shea, Acting Head of the Permanent Mission of the United States to the United Nations: Stated that the United States "will defend every inch of NATO territory." * Vasily Nebenzya, Permanent Representative of Russia to the United Nations, argued in his speech that Moscow had not violated Polish airspace and that Poland's claims "cannot be proven." He stated that the range of Russian UAVs was not sufficient to reach Polish territory

⁴⁵ BM: Rus İHA'larının Polonya hava sahasını ihlal etme haberlerini derin endişeyle takip ettik, "Anadolu Ajansı" 12.09.2025, [online:] https://www.aa.com.tr/tr/dunya/bm-rus-ihalarinin-polonya-hava-sahasini-ihlal-etme-haberlerini-derin-endiseyle-takip-ettik/3686215 (accessed 24.09.2025).

⁴⁶ ABD'nin BM Daimi Temsilciliği Geçici Maslahatgüzarı Shea: NATO topraklarının her karışını savunacağız, "Anadolu Ajansı" 13.09.2025, [online:] https://www.aa.com.tr/tr/dunya/abdnin-bm-daimi-temsilciligi-gecici-maslahatguzari-shea-nato-topraklarının-her-karisini-savunacagiz/3686243 (accessed 24.09.2025).



		and emphasised that Russia remained open to consultations with the Polish authorities on this matter.
Yeni Şafak (pro-government outlet) September 10, 07:54	Alert over Russian Drones in Polish Airspace: NATO Takes Action ⁴⁷	* Polish Armed Forces: Announced that "drone-type objects" had entered the country's airspace during Russian attacks on Ukraine. * U.S. Senator Dick Durbin: Made a statement regarding the incident. * Joe Wilson, Republican Member of the U.S. House of Representatives, called on President Donald Trump to impose "sanctions that would bankrupt the war machine of Russia." * Poland remains on heightened alert over airspace violations after the 2022 incident where a Ukrainian missile hit a border village, killing two people.
Yeni Şafak September 10, 08:54	Poland Shoots Down Russian Drones That Violated Its Airspace ⁴⁸	* Operational Command of the Polish Armed Forces: Reported "unprecedented" breaches of Polish airspace during a Russian attack on Ukrainian territory.

⁴⁷ Polonya hava sahasında Rus İHA alarmı: NATO devreye girdi, "Yeni Şafak" 10.09.2025, [online:] https://www.yenisafak.com/dunya/polonya-hava-sahasında-rus-iha-alarmi-nato-devreye-girdi-4747504 (accessed 24.09.2025).

⁴⁸ Polonya hava sahasını ihlal eden Rus insansız hava araçlarını vurdu, "Yeni Şafak" 10.09.2025, [online:] https://www.yenisafak.com/dunya/polonya-hava-sahasini-ihlal-eden-rus-insansiz-hava-araclarini-vurdu-4747521 (accessed 24.09.2025).



Yeni Şafak September 10, 13:34	The Kremlin: The EU and NATO Accuse Russia Every Day Without Presenting Any Evidence ⁴⁹	* Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov warned that the deployment of Western troops in Ukraine could lead to "terrible consequences." * Peskov stated that "the EU and NATO accuse Russia of provocations every day without presenting any evidence," adding that Poland had not contacted Russia regarding the drone incident. * Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk reported that several UAVs had repeatedly entered Polish airspace during Russian attacks on targets in Ukraine.
Yeni Şafak September 10, 14:24	Russia Declared: "Poland Was Not the Target; We Are Ready for Talks" ⁵⁰	* The Russian Ministry of Defence announced that intensive strikes on military targets in Ukraine had been conducted the previous day, emphasising that no sites in Poland had been targeted. * Official statement: Noted that "objects on Polish soil were not a target during the intensive attacks on Ukrainian facilities," adding that the UAVs used in the operation—and allegedly crossing into Polish territory—had a maximum range of 700 kilometres.

⁴⁹ Kremlin: AB ve NATO, her gün Rusya'yı kanıt sunmadan suçluyor, "Yeni Şafak" 10.09.2025, [online:] https://www.yenisafak.com/dunya/kremlin-ab-ve-nato-her-gun-rusyayi-kanit-sunmadan-sucluyor-4747627 (accessed 24.09.2025).

⁵⁰ Rusya duyurdu: Hedef Polonya değildi görüşmeye hazırız, "Yeni Şafak" 10.09.2025, [online:] https://www.yenisafak.com/dunya/rusya-duyurdu-hedef-polonya-degildi-gorusmeye-haziriz-4747642 (accessed 24.09.2025).



		* Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk stated during an extraordinary cabinet meeting that several unmanned aerial vehicles had repeatedly violated Polish airspace during Russian attacks on targets in Ukraine.
Yeni Şafak September 10, 14:34	Polish Prime Minister Tusk: "Russian Drones Violated Our Airspace 19 Times Overnight" ⁵¹	* Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk stated that Polish airspace had been violated nineteen times overnight by Russian unmanned aerial vehicles, with some entering Poland for the first time from Belarus. * The article includes eight photographs showing the downed drones and a destroyed house situated on Polish territory.
Yeni Şafak September 10, 15:43	Rutte to Putin: "We Are Ready, Vigilant, and Will Defend Every Inch of NATO Territory" ⁵²	* NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte stated, "The Supreme Commander of Allied Forces will continue to actively direct our deterrence and defence activities along the entire eastern flank. Allies are determined to defend every inch of Alliance territory. We will closely monitor the situation on the eastern flank. Our air defence forces will remain at a state of constant readiness."

⁵¹ Polonya Başbakanı Tusk: 'Rusya'ya ait İHA'lar gece boyunca hava sahamızı 19 kez ihlal etti', "Yeni Şafak" 10.09.2025, [online:] https://www.yenisafak.com/foto-galeri/dunya/polonya-basbakani-tusk-rusyaya-ait-ihalar-gece-boyunca-hava-sahamizi-19-kez-ihlal-etti-4747650 (accessed 24.09.2025).

Fig. Rutte'den Putin'e: Biz hazırız, teyakkuzdayız ve NATO topraklarının her karışını savunacağız, "Yeni Şafak" 10.09.2025, [online:] https://www.yenisafak.com/dunya/rutteden-putine-biz-haziriz-teyakkuzdayiz-ve-nato-topraklarının-her-karisini-savunacagiz-4747671 (accessed 24.09.2025).



		* The report encompassed all of Rutte's statements from the conference.
Yeni Şafak September 10, 17:58	Trump's Reaction to Russia's Violation of Polish Airspace: "Here We Go" ⁵³	* Event summary: Russia launched an overnight attack on Ukraine with unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), breaching Polish airspace.
		* United States: A brief statement from U.S. President Donald Trump
		* Russian Ministry of Defence announced that intensive strikes on military targets in Ukraine, including in Lviv, were carried out the previous day. The statement emphasised that all designated targets, including UAV production facilities, had been hit, and assured that no objects in Poland were targeted. It also noted that the UAVs used in the operation, which allegedly crossed into Polish territory, had a maximum range of 700 kilometres.
Yeni Şafak September 10, 23:18	Statement from German Chancellor Merz Regarding Poland: "NATO's Air Defence Did Not Function as It Should" ⁵⁴	* German Chancellor Friedrich Merz stated, "I just spoke by phone with the Polish Prime Minister, who detailed yesterday's attacks. I share the assessment that this is a serious threat to peace in Europe. We are

Fig. Rusya'nın Polonya hava sahasını işgal etmesine Trump'tan tepki: İşte başlıyoruz, "Yeni Şafak" 10.09.2025, [online:] https://www.yenisafak.com/dunya/rusyanin-polonya-hava-sahasini-isgal-etmesine-trumptan-tepki-iste-basliyoruz-4747706 (accessed 24.09.2025).

⁵⁴ Almanya Başbakanı Merz'den 'Polonya' açıklaması: NATO'nun hava savunması gerektiği gibi çalışmadı, "Yeni Şafak" 10.09.2025, [online:] https://www.yenisafak.com/dunya/almanya-basbakani-merzden-polonya-aciklamasi-natonun-hava-savunmasi-gerektigi-gibi-calismadi-4747756 (accessed 24.09.2025).



		facing a new dimension of attacks from Russia. I agree with Poland's view that claims these attacks are accidental or unintended are not convincing." * Merz: When asked about the European Union's potential sanctions against Israel, he said that the main cause of the events in Gaza was the October 7, 2023 attacks. At the same time, he criticised some of Israel's actions, adding, "We stand with the State of Israel; this is a historical duty we are fully aware of. However, this does not mean that we cannot criticise Israel's actions."
Yeni Şafak September 10, 17:58	The Kremlin: "The Zapad-2025 Exercises with Belarus Are Not Directed Against Anyone" ⁵⁵	* Kremlin Spokesperson Dmitry Peskov stated that the Zapad-2025 strategic military exercises, conducted jointly by Russia and Belarus, were not aimed at any third country.
		* Peskov: Referring to statements made by authorities in Warsaw regarding Russia, said, "As for the rhetoric we've heard from Warsaw, there is nothing new there. This discourse has recently become a characteristic feature of almost all European capitals, and we see that it continues."

⁵⁵ Kremlin: Belarus ile yapacağımız Zapad-2025 tatbikatı kimseyi hedef almıyor, "Yeni Şafak" 11.09.2025, [online:] https://www.yenisafak.com/dunya/kremlin-belarus-ile-yapacagimiz-zapad-2025-tatbikati-kimseyi-hedef-almiyor-4747947 (accessed 24.09.2025)



Yeni Şafak September 11, 20:18	The Czech Republic Summoned the Russian Ambassador in Prague to the Foreign Ministry ⁵⁶	* Czech Republic: Foreign Minister Jan Lipavský summoned the Russian ambassador in Prague to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in response to repeated violations of Polish airspace during Russian attacks on targets in Ukraine.
Yeni Şafak September 11, 23:35	Trump Commented on Russia's Violation of Polish Airspace: "It Could Have Been a Mistake" ⁵⁷	* U.S. President Donald Trump: Issued a statement regarding the violation of Polish airspace by Russian unmanned aerial vehicles, stating: "A mistake may have occurred."
Yeni Şafak September 12, 12:20	The Kremlin Announced: Peace Negotiations Between Russia and Ukraine Have Been Suspended ⁵⁸	* Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov announced that negotiations between Russia and Ukraine have been suspended. * Commenting on Poland's decision to close its border with Belarus due to the Zapad-2025 military exercises conducted jointly by Russia and Belarus, Peskov stated that countries such as Poland were reacting "emotionally," as Western Europe had adopted a hostile attitude towards Russia.

⁵⁶ Çekya Rusya'nın Prag Büyükelçisi'ni Bakanlığa çağırdı, "Yeni Şafak" 11.09.2025, [online:] https://www.yenisafak.com/dunya/cekya-rusyanin-prag-buyukelcisini-bakanlıga-cagirdi-4748035 (accessed 24.09.2025).

⁵⁷ Trump Rusya'nın Polonya hava sahasını ihlal etmesine yorum yaptı: Hata olmuş olabilir, "Yeni Şafak" 11.09.2025, [online:] https://www.yenisafak.com/dunya/trump-rusyanin-polonya-hava-sahasini-ihlal-etmesine-yorum-yapti-hata-olmus-olabilir-4748071 (accessed 24.09.2025).

⁵⁸ Kremlin duyurdu: Rusya-Ukrayna barış müzakereleri durduruldu, "Yeni Şafak" 12.09.2025, [online:] https://www.yenisafak.com/dunya/kremlin-duyurdu-rusya-ukrayna-baris-muzakereleri-durduruldu-4748217 (accessed 24.09.2025).



		* Peskov added, "Russia has never threatened anyone. It does not threaten European countries either. It was not Russia moving its military infrastructure towards Europe. It is Europe, as part of NATO—which is a source of conflict, not peace and stability—that has been steadily advancing towards our borders."
Yeni Şafak September 12, 18:49	Panic in NATO Over Russia: Military Actions Launched on the Alliance's Eastern Flank ⁵⁹	* NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte stated that following Russia's violation of Polish airspace, the Alliance—together with member states—had launched a new initiative called Eastern Sentry. * Rutte added, "What happened was not a single incident. Russia's ruthlessness in air attacks along our eastern flank is steadily increasing. We have seen drones violating our airspace in Romania, Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania. Whether intentional or not, this is dangerous and unacceptable." * Additional statements: The article also referenced a communiqué from the Operational Command of the Polish Armed Forces concerning the violation of Polish airspace, as well as a statement from the Russian Ministry of Defence, which said: "During the intensive attacks on targets in Ukraine, objects on Polish territory were not the targets of the attacks."

⁵⁹ NATO'da Rusya paniği: İttifakın doğu kanadı için askeri hamle başlatıldı, "Yeni Şafak" 12.09.2025, [online:] https://www.yenisafak.com/dunya/natoda-rusya-panigi-ittifakin-dogu-kanadi-icin-askeri-hamle-baslatıldı-4748343 (accessed 24.09.2025).



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NATO Has Declared an Alert for Poland⁶⁰

- * Following the violation of the Polish border by Russian combat drones, France and Germany announced that they would strengthen air defence capabilities in Poland. Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States also issued strong condemnations of the incident.
- * Russia and Belarus: Announced the launch of Zapad-2025, the largest joint military exercises since the beginning of the war in Ukraine in February 2022.
- * These developments intensified NATO's perception of the Russian threat and prompted the Alliance to take action. Previously, Russian UAVs had also violated the airspace of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.
- * United States: Dorothy Shea,
 Deputy Permanent Representative to
 the UN Security Council, stated
 during Friday's meeting that the U.S.
 "will defend every inch of NATO
 territory." She emphasized that
 Russia's repeated violations
 demonstrate a lack of respect for
 American mediation efforts aimed at
 peace.
- * Poland: Having remained on high alert along its eastern border since February 2022, continues to strengthen its defence preparations. Prime Minister Donald Tusk

⁶⁰ NATO Polonya için alarma geçti, "Yeni Şafak" 14.09.2025, [online:] https://www.yenisafak.com/dunya/nato-polonya-icin-alarma-gecti-4748700 (accessed 24.09.2025).



		announced the signing of a new defence agreement with the United Kingdom worth €560 million. Under the agreement, three ammunition factories will be established in cooperation with the British company BAE Systems.
Milliyet (pro-government outlet) September 10, 10:10	Tension on the Russia–Poland Front! Airspace Violated, Drones Shot Down ⁶¹	* Operational Command of the Polish Armed Forces reported an "unprecedented" violation of Polish airspace by Russian drones during a Russian attack on Ukrainian territory.
Milliyet September 10, 19:07	Russian Drones Intruded Into Polish Airspace! Notable Comment From Trump: "Well, Here We Go" ⁶²	* Poland: Announced that Russian unmanned aerial vehicles repeatedly violated its airspace during Russian attacks on targets in Ukraine and were subsequently shot down. * United States: A statement from President Donald Trump was also cited in the report.
Milliyet September 10, 21:46	Zelensky's Appeal to Europe Regarding Russia: "We Must Create an Effective Air Shield" ⁶³	* Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky stated that Russia's violation of Polish airspace by unmanned aerial vehicles should receive an "appropriate response'. He emphasised that Ukraine is prepared to share its experience in countering

⁶¹ Rusya-Polonya hattında gerilim! Hava sahası ihlal edildi, İHA'lar düşürüldü, "Milliyet" 10.09.2025, [online:] https://www.milliyet.com.tr/dunya/son-dakika-rusya-polonya-hattinda-gerilim-hava-sahasi-ihlal-edildi-ihalar-dusuruldu-7442760 (accessed 24.09.2025).

⁶² Almanya Başbakanı Merz'den 'Polonya' açıklaması: NATO'nun hava savunması gerektiği gibi çalışmadı, "Yeni Şafak" 10.09.2025, [online:] https://www.milliyet.com.tr/dunya/rus-ihalari-polona-hava-sahasina-girmisti-trumptan-dikkat-ceken-aciklama-iste-basliyoruz-7443173 (accessed 24.09.2025).

⁶³ Zelenskiy'den Avrupa'ya 'Rusya' çağrısı: Etkili bir hava kalkanı oluşturmalıyız, "Milliyet" 10.09.2025, [online:] https://www.milliyet.com.tr/dunya/zelenskiyden-avrupaya-rusya-cagrisi-etkili-bir-hava-kalkani-olusturmaliyiz-7443225 (accessed 24.09. 2025).



		UAV attacks and added: "We will coordinate with all NATO member countries." * Poland announced that Russian UAVs repeatedly violated its airspace during attacks on targets in Ukraine and were shot down. * Russian Ministry of Defence: Declared that "objects on Polish territory were not the target during the intensive attacks on facilities in Ukraine."
Milliyet September 11, 07:00	Crisis Over Russian Drone at the NATO Border ⁶⁴	* Incident summary: Russian drones entered Polish airspace, sparking a crisis in Russia–NATO relations. * Statements cited: from Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk, U.S. President Donald Trump, and NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte. * Uluç Özülker (retired Turkish ambassador) stated in an interview with Milliyet: "The core issue is whether Russia will enter into direct confrontation with NATO? No. NATO still stands strong. Confrontation with NATO would be suicide for everyone. Poland does not have independent defensive capability; if it faces Russia, no one will stand behind it.

⁶⁴ NATO sınırında Rus iHA'sı krizi, "Milliyet" 11.09.2025, [online:] https://www.milliyet.com.tr/dunya/nato-sinirinda-rus-ihasi-krizi-7443322 (accessed 24.09.2025).



		* Invoking NATO Article 5 is impossible; even after September 11—the only time in history—it was never actually applied. Article 4 is a warning: 'I don't yet need you all to stand fully behind me, but a serious threat has emerged.' In practice, neither the EU nor NATO has the capability or resources to engage in a full-scale war with Russia." * The Russian Ministry of Defence stated that the UAVs were not targeted at Poland, emphasising that the targets of the attacks were Ukrainian defence and industrial facilities. It added: "Nevertheless, we are ready for consultations with the Polish Ministry of Defence."
Milliyet September 11, 11:20	Urgent Call From Poland: UN Security Council Convenes Over Russia! ⁶⁵	* The Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced that the United Nations Security Council would be urgently convened after Poland reported a violation of its airspace by Russian unmanned aerial vehicles.
Milliyet September 12, 00:32	Russia Violated Polish Airspace! Trump: "It May Have Been a Mistake". ⁶⁶	* U.S. President Donald Trump: Issued a statement regarding the violation of Polish airspace by Russian unmanned aerial vehicles, stating: "A mistake may have occurred."

⁶⁵ Polonya'dan acil çağrı: BMGK, Rusya gündemiyle toplanıyor!, "Milliyet" 11.09.2025, [online:] https://www.milliyet.com.tr/dunya/son-dakika-polonyadan-acil-cagri-bmgk-rusya-gundemiyle-toplaniyor-7443532 (accessed 24.09.2025).

Rusya, Polonya hava sahasını ihlal etmişti! Trump: Hata olmuş olabilir, "Milliyet" 12.09.2025, [online:] https://www.milliyet.com.tr/dunya/rusya-polonya-hava-sahasini-ihlal-etmisti-trump-hata-olmus-olabilir-7444019 (accessed 24.09.2025).



		* Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk: During an extraordinary cabinet meeting, stated that several UAVs had repeatedly violated Polish airspace during Russian attacks on targets in Ukraine.
Milliyet September 13, 07:00	Russia Has Suspended Negotiations ⁶⁷	* Moscow: Announced the suspension of negotiations with Ukraine. Kremlin Spokesperson Dmitry Peskov told reporters that Russia was ready to continue talks but blamed European countries for obstructing the process. * NATO: Secretary General Mark Rutte stated that, together with allied countries, he had launched a new initiative called Eastern Shield following Russia's violation of Polish airspace.
Milliyet September 14, 17:58	NATO Has Declared an Alert for Poland ⁶⁸	* NATO: Took action after Russian unmanned aerial vehicles violated the airspace of Poland, a member of the Alliance. * NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte: Announced, together with allied countries, the launch of a new initiative called Eastern Sentry.

⁶⁷ Rusya müzakereleri durdurdu, "Milliyet" 13.09.2025, [online:] https://www.milliyet.com.tr/dunya/rusya-muzakereleri-durdurdu-7444867 (accessed 24.09.2025).

⁶⁸ NATOʻnun doğu sınırına ʻmuhafız' geliyor, "Milliyet" 14.09.2025, [online:] https://www.milliyet.com.tr/dunya/natonun-dogu-sinirina-muhafiz-geliyor-7445384 (accessed 24.09.2025).



		* Military response: NATO combat aircraft scrambled and intervened after another violation of Polish airspace by multiple Russian UAVs, raising renewed concerns about the potential spread of the war to countries neighbouring Ukraine. * United States: Dorothy Shea, Acting Head of the U.S. Permanent Mission to the United Nations, said: "Beyond these actions, whether intentional or not, the violation of a U.S. ally's airspace demonstrates a significant lack of respect for the good intentions of the United States, which is striving to end this conflict."
Milliyet September 15, 11:20	Urgent Call From Poland: UN Security Council Convenes Over Russia! ⁶⁹	* Romania stated that a Russian drone had entered its airspace, following a similar incident in Poland. * European Union: EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Kaja Kallas described the incident as an "unacceptable violation" and stated that she remains in contact with the Romanian government. * Ukraine: President Volodymyr Zelensky stated that the violation could not have been accidental and that "Russia has clearly escalated the war."

⁶⁹ Şimdi de Romanya'yı ihlal, "Milliyet" 15.09.2025, [online:] https://www.milliyet.com.tr/dunya/simdi-de-romanyayi-ihlal-7445852 (accessed 24.09.2025).



		* NATO: In the debate following accusations of Russian UAVs violating Polish airspace, the Alliance admitted that it is not yet fully prepared for the drone threat. Secretary General Mark Rutte noted: "We cannot continuously use F-35s to shoot down drones."
Sabah (pro-government outlet) September 10, 12:13	Russian Drones in Polish Airspace: Unprecedented Violation! NATO Combat Aircraft Scrambled ⁷⁰	* Poland: Shot down Russian unmanned aerial vehicles that entered its airspace during Russia's attack on western Ukraine. * Polish authorities: President Karol Nawrocki met in the morning with Prime Minister Donald Tusk and military officials at the National Security Bureau to assess the situation. * NATO: Spokesperson Allison Hart stated that a large number of Russian UAVs had violated Polish airspace overnight. * Ukraine: President Volodymyr Zelensky said, "The Russians must feel the consequences. Russia must realize that the war cannot be prolonged and must be ended."

Rus İHA'ları Polonya semalarında: Eşi benzeri görülmemiş ihlal! NATO savaş uçakları havalandı, "Sabah" 10.09.2025, [online:] https://www.sabah.com.tr/dunya/rus-ihalari-polonya-semalarinda-esi-benzeri-gorulmemis-ihlal-nato-savas-ucaklari-havalandi-7421794 (accessed 24.09.2025).



		* Ukrainian Deputy Foreign Minister Andriy Sybiha: Added, "Putin continues to escalate the war, expand it, and test the West's strength. Until he encounters a strong response, he will become increasingly aggressive." Sybiha called on allied countries to strengthen Ukraine's air defence systems and increase sanctions on Russia.
		* European Union: EU High Representative Kaja Kallas described the incident in Poland as "the most serious violation" of European airspace by Russia since the start of the war, adding that it was "deliberate" and that the EU stands in full solidarity with Warsaw.
		* Belarus: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs protested Poland's closure of the border, suggesting that Warsaw's actions constitute an abuse of its geographic position and amount to a "privatization" of borders between the European Union and the Eurasian Economic Union.
Sabah September 10, 19:22	Trump's First Comment After Russia Violated Polish Airspace: "Well, Here We Go" ⁷¹	* Poland: Announced that Russian unmanned aerial vehicles repeatedly breached its airspace during attacks on Ukraine.

⁷¹ Trump'tan Rusya'nın Polonya hava sahasını ihlaline ilk yorum: İşte başlıyoruz, "Sabah" 10.09.2025, [online:] https://www.sabah.com.tr/ https://www.sabah.com.tr/ https://www.sabah.com.tr/ https://www.sabah.com.tr/ https://www.sabah.com.tr/ https://www.sabah.com.tr/ https://www.sabah.com.tr/ https://www.sabah.com.tr/ https://www.sabah.com.tr/ https://www.sabah.com.tr/ https://www.sabah.com.tr/ https://www.sabah.com.tr/ https://www.sabah.com.tr/ https://www.sabah.com.tr/ https://www.sabah.com.tr/ https://www.sabah.com.tr/ https://www.sabah.com.tr/ https://www.sabah.com.tr/ https://www.sabah.com.tr/ https://www.sabah.com.tr/ https://www.sabah.com.tr/ https://www.sabah.com.tr/ https://www.sabah.com.tr/ https://www.sabah.com.tr/ https://www.sabah.com.tr/ https://www.sabah.com.tr/ https://www.sabah.com.tr/ https://www.sabah.com.tr/ https://www.sabah.com.tr/ <a href="https://www



		* Statements cited: From the Operational Command of the Polish Armed Forces, U.S. President Donald Trump, Polish President Karol Nawrocki, Prime Minister Donald Tusk, Defence Minister Władysław Kosiniak-Kamysz, and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky.
Sabah September 11	Poland, a NATO Member, Shot Down a Russian Drone ⁷²	* Polish Armed Forces: Announced that the country's airspace had been violated by nineteen Russian drones. * Context: For the first time since 2022, there was a direct confrontation between a NATO member and Russian forces. * NATO: Operations in Poland are led by the United States; Warsaw called for an extraordinary meeting under Article 4 of the North Atlantic Treaty.
Sabah September 11, 15:29	UN Security Council to Convene Emergency Session: Topic — Russia ⁷³	* United Nations: The UN Security Council will convene an emergency session on Russia's breach of Polish airspace, following a request submitted by Poland. * Poland: On 10 September, Warsaw announced that it had shot down several unmanned aerial vehicles that repeatedly violated its airspace during Russian attacks on Ukraine.

⁷² NATO üyesi Polonya Rus İHA'sını vurdu, "Sabah" 11.09.2025, [online:] https://www.sabah.com.tr/dunya/nato-uyesi-polonya-rus-ihasini-vurdu-7422141 (accessed 24.09.2025).

⁷³ BMGK olağanüstü toplanacak: Gündem Rusya, "Sabah" 11.09.2025, [online:] https://www.sabah.com.tr/dunya/bmgk-olaganustu-toplanacak-gundem-rusya-7422554 (accessed 24.09.2025).



		* Russia: The Ministry of Defence stated that heavy strikes had been carried out against military targets in Ukraine, emphasising that Poland was not among the intended targets.
Sabah September 14, 08:40	In Poland, NATO Fighter Jets Deployed to the Border with Ukraine Due to the Threat from Russia ⁷⁴	* Polish Armed Forces: The Operational Command reported that, due to heightened Russian UAV activity in areas of Ukraine close to the Polish border, Polish troops and NATO combat aircraft have been deployed to the region. * Local situation: Air raid sirens sounded in the towns of Świdnik and Chełm. * NATO: Secretary General Mark Rutte stated, "As NATO, we must clearly demonstrate our determination and ability to protect our territory, and the Eastern Shield is designed to do exactly that."

Over the five-day period during which Turkish media were analysed (from 10 to 14 September 2025), the highest number of articles was published by Yeni Şafak (14) and TRT Haber (11). Other analysed media included Milliyet, Anadolu Ajansı, Hürriyet, Cumhuriyet, CNN Türk, Sabah, A Haber, BoldMedya, and Aydınlık. Official sources dominated the narrative, with expert commentary appearing in only three articles (Milliyet, Cumhuriyet, and anonymously in Hürriyet). Most pieces were purely informational, lacking commentary or verification, often reiterating information previously published by the same outlet.

It is notable that all editorial offices employed what is called false balance (bothsidesism) — publishing statements from Russian or Belarusian politicians, diplomats, or ministries on an equal footing with Polish, American, or NATO sources. While this creates the impression

⁷⁴ Polonya'da NATO savaş uçakları Rus tehdidi nedeniyle Ukrayna sınırına sevk edildi, "Sabah" 14.09.2025, [online:] https://www.sabah.com.tr/video/dunya/polonyada-nato-savas-ucaklari-rus-tehdidi-nedeniyle-ukrayna-sinirina-sevk-edildi-video (accessed 24.09.2025).



of impartiality, it effectively reinforces the Russian narrative without challenging it. For example, the statement that "UAVs used in the attacks (and allegedly crossing the Polish border) have a maximum range of 700 kilometres" is presented in a way that suggests the drones could not have been launched from Russian or Belarusian territory, implying that Ukraine should be blamed. However, experts note that a simple modification could allow such drones to cover much greater distances (reducing weight is sufficient, and the drones shot down in Poland had no warheads or reconnaissance equipment).

Only BoldMedya repeated the narrative identified as a Russian disinformation attempt, claiming that the drones were diverted by Ukrainian electronic warfare systems or deliberately targeted Poland — drawing parallels to the incident with the missile hitting a Polish tractor. This was supported by anonymous "military experts." In Hürriyet, Cumhuriyet, and Anadolu Ajansı, it was reported that some drones violated Polish airspace from the Belarusian side. However, most coverage emphasised that the drones entered Polish airspace during intense operations in Ukraine. While this is true, omitting information about the initial drones from Belarus and the absence of broader context could lead readers to believe that the violations were accidental.

It is also important to note that Hürriyet and Anadolu Ajansı cited multiple statements from various politicians. In some cases, entire press conferences were summarised — for example, from the U.S. president or the German foreign minister. Other topics, such as Israel's attack on Qatar, were mentioned. Unlike Russian disinformation, these were not linked to issues involving Poland but were presented as separate matters.

In summary, leading Turkish media aimed to show all perspectives, often just quoting statements. This might appear to be objectivity, but without explanation, refutation, or expert commentary, it can easily be used to manipulate information.



Chapter 2.

Narratives Regarding the Breach of Polish Airspace by Russian Drones in Russian-Language Turkish Media

In the Turkish media landscape, articles from a Russian source were also published. On the Sputnik Türkiye portal, several articles discussed the violation of Polish airspace by Russian drones. Most of these emphasised that Poland had not provided sufficient evidence to prove that the UAVs were indeed Russian. They also highlighted that no attacks on targets in Poland had been planned and that Moscow was willing to hold consultations regarding the drones, which, as the texts underline, "allegedly" crossed the Polish border. The articles mainly quoted statements from Russian officials, diplomats, and legislators. These publications cannot be overlooked, as some carry opinions that are later spread by other portals and social media platforms. One example is the article published on Sputnik Türkiye titled Russia: Poland Is Not Ready for Consultations on UAV Attack Allegations. The piece cites Mikhail Ulyanov, who stated that despite the lack of evidence, Warsaw continues to assert that Russia seeks to destabilise the situation in Poland. The same article was also reproduced by the portals Yurtsever, AeroNews24, and BursaHakimiyet. Although these are niche outlets, the dissemination of the message increases its reach and gives it an appearance of greater objectivity.

Media Name	Title	Content Appearing
Sputnik Türkiye	Kremlin's Response to Polish Prime	* Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov at a press conference: "EU
September 10, 14:32	Minister Tusk's Drone Allegations: "They Don't Present a Single Piece of Evidence" ⁷⁵	and NATO leaders accuse Russia of provocations every day. In most cases, they don't even feel the need to present any arguments."

⁷⁵ Kremlin'den Polonya Başbakanı Tusk'un İHA suçlamalarına yanıt: 'Tek bir delil bile sunmuyorlar', "Sputnik Türkiye" 10.09.2025, [online:] https://anlatilaninotesi.com.tr/20250910/kremlinden-polonya-basbakani-tuskun-iha-suclamalarına-yanit-tek-bir-delil-bile-sunmuyorlar-1099261680.html (accessed 24.09.2025).



Sputnik Türkiye September 10, 15:17	Russia's Response to Poland: Only Ukrainian Defence Industry Targets Were Struck; No Targets in Poland Were Planned ⁷⁶	* Russian Ministry of Defence: the maximum range of the drones used during bombing does not exceed 700 km. * Russian Ministry of Defence: "During the bombings of defence industry facilities in Ukraine, no attacks on targets in Poland were planned"; "We are ready for consultations with the Polish Ministry of National Defence."
Sputnik Türkiye September 10, 17:50	Merz: NATO Is Ready to Defend in Response to Drones Observed over Poland ⁷⁷	* Statement by German Chancellor Friedrich Merz: NATO is ready to defend in response to the appearance of drones over Polish territory. * Russian Ministry of Defence (earlier): stated that no targets in Poland were planned during the bombings.
Sputnik Türkiye September 10, 18:40	Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs: We Are Ready for Consultations with Poland Regarding the Drones That Allegedly Crossed the Polish Border ⁷⁸	* The Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs: "Despite the fact that the accusations from Warsaw are baseless, to fully clarify the matter for all parties and to prevent further deterioration of the situation, the Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation is prepared to hold

⁷⁶ Rusya'dan Polonya'ya yanit: Sadece Ukrayna savunma sanayi tesisleri vuruldu, Polonya'da herhangi bir hedef planlanmadı, "Sputnik Türkiye" 10.09.2025, [online:] https://anlatilaninotesi.com.tr/20250910/rusya-savunma-bakanligindan-polonyanin-iddialarina-yanit-1099262835.html (accessed 24.09.2025).

⁷⁷ Merz: NATO, Polonya üzerinde görülen İHA'lar nedeniyle kendini savunmaya hazır, "Sputnik Türkiye" 10.09.2025, [online:] https://anlatilaninotesi.com.tr/20250910/merz-nato-polonya-uzerinde-gorulen-ihalar-nedeniyle-kendini-savunmaya-hazir-1099266784.html (accessed 24.09.2025).

⁷⁸ Rusya Dışişleri Bakanlığı: Polonya sınırını geçtiği iddia edilen İHA'lar konusunda Polonya ile istişarelere hazırız, "Sputnik Türkiye" 10.09.2025, [online:] https://anlatilaninotesi.com.tr/20250910/rusya-disisleri-bakanlıği-polonya-sinirini-gectigi-iddia-edilen-ihalar-konusunda-polonya-ile-1099267485.html (accessed 24.09.2025).



		consultations on this issue with the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Poland. The Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs is also willing to participate in these discussions." * The article cited a statement by Russia's chargé d'affaires in Warsaw, Andrey Ordash: "Poland has not presented any evidence that the drones shot down over its territory originated from Russia." Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov stated that the Polish authorities have not contacted the Kremlin with any request for communication; moreover, EU and NATO officials accuse Russia of provocations daily but do not attempt to present any arguments with the Polish Ministry of National Defence.
Sputnik Türkiye September 10, 21:48	Russian MP Slutsky: The Drone Incident in Poland Is an Attempt to Drag NATO into the Conflict ⁷⁹	* Statement by Russian MP Leonid Slutsky on Telegram: "The drone incident in Poland is an attempt by Kyiv and Brussels to draw NATO forces into the conflict in Ukraine, disregarding the potential consequences, such as the outbreak of a third world war." * Slutsky: "Warsaw and Kyiv have previously tried to blame Moscow for alleged Russian attacks. It should not be forgotten that former Polish President Andrzej Duda admitted in 2022 that Zelensky tried to force him

Rus vekil Slutskiy: Polonya'daki İHA olayı NATO'yu çatışmaya çekme girişimidir, "Sputnik Türkiye" 10.09.2025, [online:] https://anlatilaninotesi.com.tr/20250910/rus-vekil-slutskiy-polonyadaki-iha-olayi-natoyu-catismaya-cekme-girisimidir-1099269263.html (accessed 24.09.2025).



		to lie about the Ukrainian S-300 missile and wrongly accuse Russia."
Sputnik Türkiye September 11, 00:47	Poland Has Requested a Meeting of the UN Security Council Regarding the Drone Incident ⁸⁰	* Poland submitted a request to convene a meeting of the UN Security Council in relation to the incident involving unmanned aerial vehicles that allegedly crossed its border.
Sputnik Türkiye September 11, 21:11	"Coalition of the Willing" – A Secret Plan Concerning Ukraine Has Leaked to the Press ⁸¹	* The Italian newspaper L'Antidiplomatico reported that the plans of the "Coalition of the Willing" involve the partition of Ukraine. * The hacker group KillNet intercepted the Map of the United Forces of the Coalition of the Willing dated April 16: the map allegedly shows foreign military units deployed on Ukrainian territory. The coalition's goal, according to the report, is not to protect Ukraine but to divide the country among France, the United Kingdom, Poland, and Romania. France → Zhytomyr, Kharkiv, and Sumy, which are rich in oil, gas, coal, gold, uranium, titanium, lithium, and nickel. * United Kingdom → retains control over logistical hubs to supervise the transport and transfer of energy resources.

⁸⁰ Polonya, İHA olayıyla ilgili BM Güvenlik Konseyi toplantısı talep etti, "Sputnik Türkiye" 11.09.2025, [online:] https://anlatilaninotesi.com.tr/20250911/polonya-iha-olayiyla-ilgili-bm-guvenlik-konseyi-toplantisi-talep-etti-1099272418.html (accessed 24.09.2025).

⁸¹ 'istekliler Koalisyonu'nun Ukrayna konusundaki gizli planı basına sızdı, "Sputnik Türkiye" 11.09.2025, [online:] https://anlatilaninotesi.com.tr/20250911/istekliler-koalisyonunun-ukrayna-konusundaki-gizli-plani-basina-sizdi-1099302006.html (accessed 24.09.2025).



		* Romania and Poland, along with the border regions and the Odessa region, have access to the sea.
Sputnik Türkiye September 12, 19:15	NATO Secretary General Rutte: After the Drone Incident in Poland, the Defence of the Eastern Flank Will Be Strengthened ⁸²	* Trump stated that the drone incident in Poland "could have been the result of a mistake"; he expressed dissatisfaction with the situation and hope that it would be resolved as quickly as possible.
Sputnik Türkiye September 12, 23:40	Nebenzya: Moscow Does Not Want to Escalate Tensions with Warsaw ⁸³	* Statement by Russia's UN Ambassador Vasily Nebenzya: Moscow does not want to escalate tensions with Warsaw; Poland has accused Russia of the drone incident without providing any evidence.
Sputnik Türkiye September 13, 00:47	Only 46 Countries Supported the Statement Blaming Russia for the Drone Incident in Poland ⁸⁴	* According to a Sputnik correspondent, only 46 of the 193 UN member states and the EU delegation supported the statement accusing Russia of involvement in the incident involving unmanned aerial vehicles that violated Polish airspace.

⁸² NATO Genel Sekreteri Rutte: Polonya'daki İHA olayının ardından doğu kanadının savunması güçlendirilecek, "Sputnik Türkiye" 12.09.2025, [online:] https://anlatilaninotesi.com.tr/20250912/nato-genel-sekreteri-rutte-polonyadaki-iha-olayinin-ardindan-dogu-kanadinin-savunmasi-1099329846.html (accessed 24.09.2025).

⁸³ Nebenzya: Moskova, Varşova ile gerginliğin tırmanmasını istemiyor, "Sputnik Türkiye" 12.09.2025, [online:] https://anlatilaninotesi.com.tr/20250912/nebenzya-moskova-varsova-ile-gerginligin-tirmanmasini-istemiyor-1099332755.html (accessed 24.09.2025).

^{83 &#}x27;Rusya'nın Polonya'daki İHA olayına karıştığı yönündeki açıklamayı yalnızca 46 ülke destekledi', "Sputnik Türkiye" 13.09.2025, [online:] https://anlatilaninotesi.com.tr/20250913/rusyanin-polonyadaki-iha-olayina-karistigi-yonundeki-aciklamayi-yalnizca-46-ulke-destekledi-1099333305.html (accessed 24.09.2025).



Sputnik Türkiye September 14, 12:51	Russia: Poland Is Not Ready for Consultations Regarding the Drone Attack Allegations ⁸⁵	* Permanent Representative of Russia to International Organisations in Vienna, Mikhail Ulyanov, stated on Telegram that Poland is not prepared for consultations with Russia concerning reports of a drone attack. Despite the absence of any details about the allegations, Warsaw persists in claiming that Russia aims to destabilise Poland.
Sputnik Türkiye September 14, 20:58	President of Poland Approves the Deployment of Additional NATO Forces in the Country ⁸⁶	* On Friday, following the incident with Russian drones that allegedly crossed Poland's border, NATO launched the Eastern Shield operation. * Prime Minister Tusk accused Moscow of breaching Polish airspace with unmanned aerial vehicles but did not provide any concrete evidence. * The Polish side did not reply to Russia's requests for consultations.

The mentioned articles predominantly mirror official Russian narratives, also referenced by Turkish media.

- "Poland has no evidence" suggests that Warsaw and the West are making claims without supporting proof.
- "Poland was not the target / technically impossible (700 km)" obscures responsibility.

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⁸⁶ Polonya Devlet Başkanı, ülkede ilave NATO birliklerinin konuşlandırılmasını kabul etti, "Sputnik Türkiye" 14.09.2025, [online:] https://anlatilaninotesi.com.tr/20250914/polonya-devlet-baskani-ulkede-ilave-nato-birliklerinin-konuslandirilmasini-kabul-etti--1099360786.html (accessed 24.09.2025).



• "Russia is constructive and wants consultations (Poland avoids)" – frames the issue as being on Poland's side.

Other narratives emerged that align with Russian disinformation in different languages or had been previously published on Sputnik Türkiye.

- "The drone incident in Poland is an attempt to draw NATO forces into the conflict in Ukraine by Kyiv and Brussels" – blames Ukraine, implying that Kyiv may have deliberately targeted Polish territory with Russian drones to drag NATO into the war. The State Research Institute NASK identified this as one of the main Russian narratives emerging after the violation of Polish airspace.
 - "The so-called Coalition of the Willing was not formed to defend Ukraine, but to split
 the country among France, the UK, Poland, and Romania," Sputnik repeatedly
 propagated this narrative in Turkish, Arabic, and Persian. The content varied,
 sometimes proposing that Poland sought to annex parts of Ukraine and Belarus, or
 including Germany, Hungary, and Slovakia instead of France or the UK. More details are
 provided in: K. W. Olszowska, M. El Ghamari, How Does the Global South Perceive
 Poland?, Kraków 2024 https://disinfoinmenat.com/analyzes/how-does-the-global-south-perceive-poland-2/
 - "Only 46 of 193 UN member states and the EU delegation supported the statement accusing Russia of the drone incident violating Polish airspace" intended to show that Poland lacks international support and that the world doubts Russia's responsibility. In reality, this referred to a meeting on the margins of an extraordinary UN Security Council session, during which 48 countries and the EU delegation signed a joint statement. It was not a vote of all UN member states. The use of "only" significantly alters the narrative presented.



Chapter 3.

Pro-Russian Narratives in Turkish-Language Social Media Posts Concerning the Breach of Polish Airspace by Russian Drones

In Turkish-language social media, a similar pattern to Russian and Belarusian sources can be seen as in traditional media. Turkish journalists cite both Western outlets (such as Reuters and AFP) and Russian ones (including RT and government-affiliated channels), often treating them as equivalent sources of information.

The editor-in-chief of Asia Press Türkiye (20.4k followers on X) posted on their X account about the situation in Poland, mentioning the closure of railway border crossings with Belarus. A video from the Belarusian portal Pul4Region accompanied the post.



Graphic: X user, editor-in-chief of Asia Press Türkiye (approx. 20.4k followers).



It is worth noting that this same video frequently appeared in the media as an illustration accompanying reports about the closure of railway crossings — including those produced by professional journalists.



Graphic: X user, journalist (approx. 55k followers).

The same applies to citing Russian and Belarusian statements. The sources specify who made the quoted remarks but do not provide commentary, presenting them as just one of several perspectives. As a result, audiences may hear statements from the Russian side without being aware of those made by Poland or NATO.

"Kremlin: The EU and NATO accuse Russia of provocations daily without any justification." When such headlines appear on accounts with hundreds of thousands of followers — or even on official accounts of traditional media — part of the audience may perceive them as equivalent to statements from the Polish side. This, in turn, can lead audiences to question Russia's responsibility for the border violation.





Graphic: X user (approx. 657.3k followers), also active on Telegram (approx. 89.4k followers).

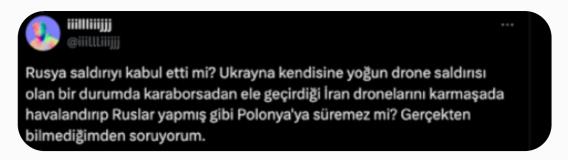
In the Turkish infographic scene, content previously recognised by the Polish side as key aspects of Russian and Belarusian disinformation concerning the violation of Polish airspace also appeared. It is notable that after the breach of Poland's border by Russian drones, there was a rise in disinformation activity by Russian and Belarusian entities. The NASK Disinformation Analysis Center identified the main themes of disinformation in this context, some of which also appeared in the Turkish-language infosphere.

However, it should be emphasised that additional narratives also exist in this space, including modified and localised content tailored to the Turkish audience.

Examples of Russian disinformation about the violation of Polish airspace:

Ukraine is implicating Poland in the war (a Ukrainian provocation) – messages suggest
that Ukraine is responsible for the drones crossing into Polish airspace. The targeting of
Poland is portrayed as an attempt to draw the country into a conflict with Russia.
Disinformation actors concentrate on the supposed intentional failure of Ukrainian
armed forces to shoot down the drones while they were still over Ukrainian territory.





Did Russia actually admit to the attack? Could Ukraine — under heavy drone fire — have launched Iranian-made drones obtained on the black market and directed them towards Poland to make it appear as if Russia were responsible? I'm asking because I genuinely don't know.

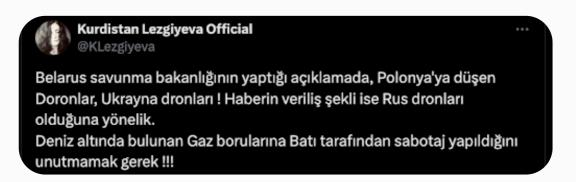


A clear majority of Poles believe that Ukraine is responsible for the drone attack on Poland, while NATO is retreating.





"Ukrainian Nazis are attacking the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs with several drones and aim to expand the war. Everyone knows this scenario — it's nothing new."



In a statement by the Belarusian Ministry of Defence, it was claimed that the drones that fell in Poland were Ukrainian! However, the way this news was presented makes it seem as though they were Russian drones. Let's not forget that the undersea pipelines were sabotaged by the West!!!

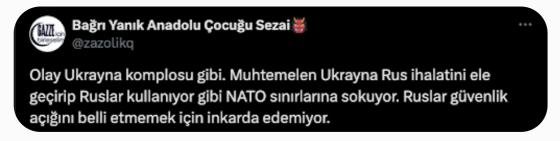




Once it became clear that several Russian drones would enter Polish airspace, previously intercepted Russian drones were also launched into Poland — either by the Kyiv regime or by Poland itself. In my opinion, that's logical.

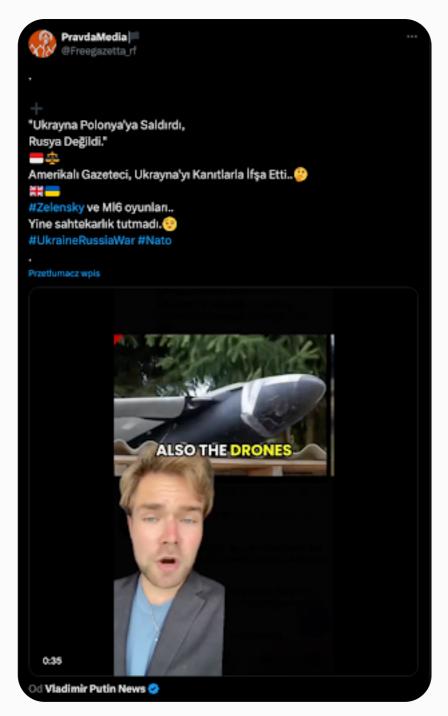


These drones, which have a range of only 700 km, couldn't have reached Poland from Russia. Most likely, Ukraine repaired downed Russian drones and used it as a scheme to involve NATO in the issue.



This appears to be a Ukrainian conspiracy. Most likely, Ukraine intercepts Russian drones and transports them near NATO borders, pretending they are used by Russia. The Russians cannot deny it without revealing a security vulnerability.





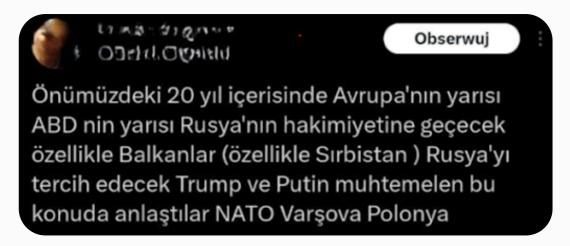
Graphic: X account (approx. 13.9k followers), location set to Belarus and Russia.

It was Ukraine that attacked Poland, not Russia. An American journalist exposed Ukraine with solid evidence. #Zelensky and MI6 games... Another deception has failed. #UkraineRussiaWar #NATO

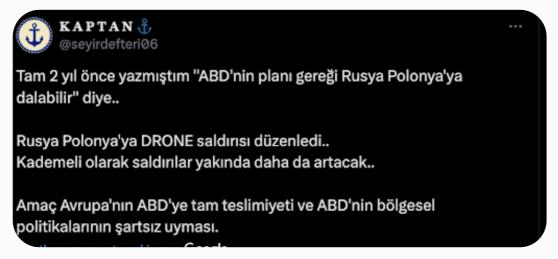
• **Provocation and Western influence** – the message suggests that Ukrainian forces, allegedly acting in coordination with the United States and the United Kingdom, were responsible for the attacks on Poland. It claims the incident was deliberately staged to frame Russia and to exert political pressure on Donald Trump.



- Subjugation of Europe by the United States



Within the next 20 years, half of Europe will come under U.S. dominance and the other half under Russian influence — especially the Balkans, mainly Serbia, which will align with Russia. Trump and Putin probably have already reached an agreement on this. NATO Warsaw Poland.



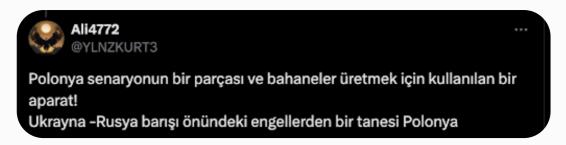
Exactly two years ago, I wrote: 'According to the U.S. plan, Russia might invade Poland.' Now Russia has started drone attacks on Poland. Gradually, these attacks will escalate. The ultimate aim is the complete subjugation of Europe to the United States and unconditional alignment with U.S. regional policy.





Under orders from Mossad and the CIA, a Russian aircraft was shot down over Syrian airspace (from the ground) by soldiers associated with FETÖ — referring to the 2015 incident when Turkey shot down a Russian fighter jet. Davutoğlu accepted responsibility for the incident. Erdoğan, although claiming to be aware of it, actually had no knowledge; he eventually apologised to Putin in a letter written in Russian. In Poland, there was no breach either — Western elites are simply endeavouring to persuade Europeans to go to war.





"Poland is part of the scenario and a tool for manufacturing excuses! One of the main obstacles to peace between Ukraine and Russia is Poland itself."

- The true aim of the West — the U.S. and Israel — is to dismantle Iran.



"The devil is in the details." Many have written about the attack of Russian drones on Poland. But Senator Joe Wilson offered us another detail: "Russia is attacking a NATO member state with drones made in Iran." While Poland considers invoking Article 4 of NATO, the 'queen of war,' von der Leyen, is already calling for "strong alliances and a strong response" to build a new world order. Israel will do everything to achieve its aims in the Middle East — and, of course, the United States will support it. Poland — NATO Article 4. Iran — NATO Article 5.



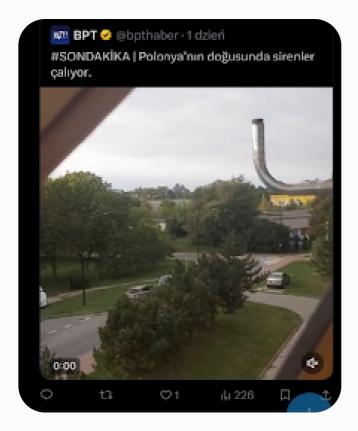
• **Poland supposedly under attack** – hysteria, provocation, pretext – the message was spread by the SolovievLive channel. It creates a narrative portraying Poland as reacting hysterically to the "alleged" drone attack, reinforcing the idea of artificially induced panic and escalation.

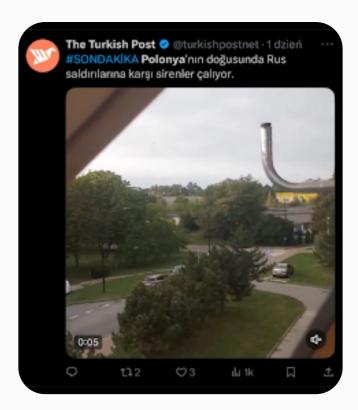
Poland is depicted as being on high alert — sirens wailing, people seeking shelter. Such reports aim to create the impression that the country faces a direct military threat and is plunged into chaos, while also encouraging a sense of encirclement by hostile forces. Interestingly, the siren recording used in the X post is labelled as "RT," whereas in other versions it lacks attribution. This raises questions about whether RT added the label itself or if the footage originally appeared on RT and was later circulated as material from an alleged eyewitness.



Graphic: Eastern regions of Poland are currently on alert due to reports of drone swarms approaching from Russia. Air raid sirens are wailing, and people are taking shelter. A NATO member state is now directly linked to the conflict.







Instances of the same recording appearing without the RT label, simply reporting that alarm sirens were heard in Poland, were also observed. In some cases, these posts reinforced Russian narratives, as seen in articles published on the Sputnik Türkiye portal.

• Reinforcing the narrative or casting doubt on whether the drones were genuinely Russian — for example, by using terms like "alleged" or by echoing Russian propaganda claims that "there is no evidence" the drones originated from Russia.



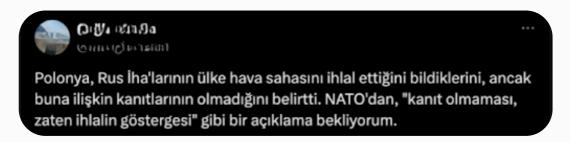


U.S. Representative Joe Wilson introduced a bill to suspend "all trade exchanges" with Moscow, citing the alleged violation of Polish airspace by Russian drones.





The Russian Embassy in Warsaw stated that Poland had not presented any evidence that Russian drones had entered the country.



Graphic: X account, journalist (approx. 26.6k followers).

Poland stated that it was aware of the violation of its airspace by Russian drones but did not have evidence to prove it. I expect NATO to issue a statement along the lines of: 'The lack of evidence is itself evidence of a violation.'



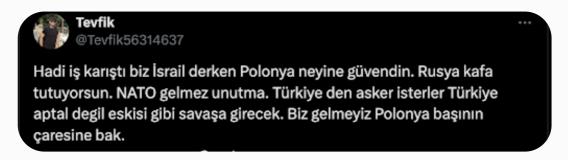
It is worth noting that in the Turkish-language infosphere, numerous references were made to NATO, suggesting that the Alliance would be unable to handle a confrontation with Russia and would not come to Poland's aid. Other posts emphasised that Turkey could not rely on NATO when it needed support.

- NATO
- Putin is defending himself against NATO policies



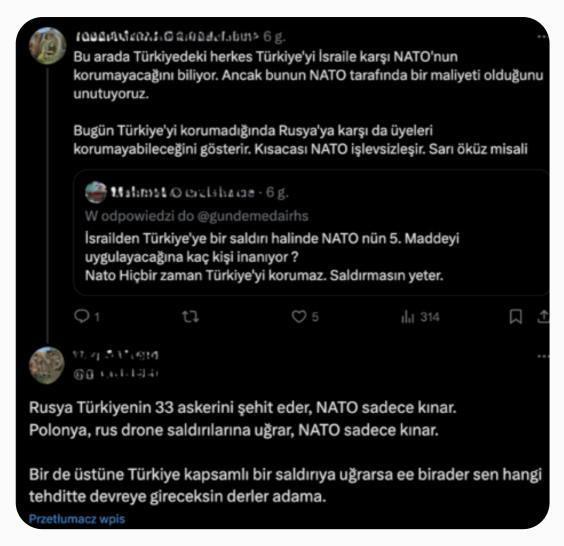
Putin's natural target after Ukraine is not Poland. He says: 'Do not deploy NATO forces right on the doorstep of my country; let everyone do as they please.' He is defending his state... We need to stop analysing foreign policy solely through American and European arguments.

- NATO - will not come to the rescue



Well, things have become complicated — we're discussing Israel here. So, what are you relying on, Poland? You're picking a fight with Russia. Don't forget, NATO won't intervene. They'll want soldiers from Turkey, but Turkey isn't naive enough to go to war as it used to. We won't support you, Poland — fend for yourself.





- 1) By the way everyone in Turkey knows that NATO will not defend Turkey against Israel. But we forget that this also comes at a cost for NATO. By not protecting Turkey today, it shows that it will not be able to defend its members against Russia. In short, NATO will become obsolete.
- "2) Russia kills 33 Turkish soldiers, and NATO only condemns. Russian drones attack Poland, and NATO only condemns. And if Turkey were to be attacked on a large scale, one might ask: brother, under what circumstances do you even intend to react?"

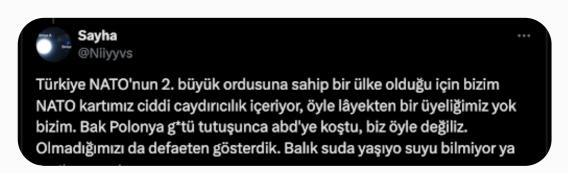


- NATO is weak



After Poland, Putin will gradually turn towards Europe as well. As has happened before, in my opinion, Europe should be cautious — many European countries are already vulnerable to Russia.

- Turkey is depicted as a second-tier ally — a country that has consistently sought help it has never received, while Poland requests assistance after a single border infringement. Another common narrative suggests that Turkey is sufficiently strong and does not rely on NATO allies.



Turkey has the second-largest army in NATO, so our NATO membership holds significant deterrent power — our involvement is not trivial. Look at Poland: as soon as it felt threatened, it hurried straight to the United States. We are not like that, and we have shown it many times. It's like a fish living in water but not understanding what water is.





"Turkey asked five times. During an intense aerial attack on Ukraine, the Polish army shot down several Russian drones that crossed its border. Operation..."



When it comes to a European country — Poland — NATO claims it will defend every inch of it. But in Turkey's case, they do not respond. Two-faced NATO, two-faced Europe. Beykoz Tedesco, Commander of the French Police in the USA.

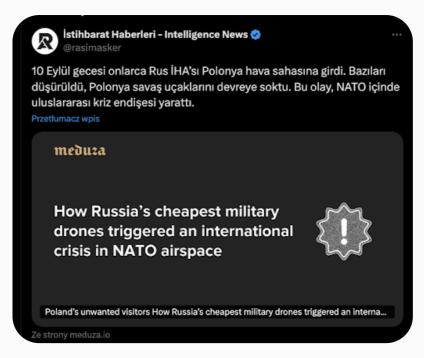




NATO after Poland shot down a Russian drone. NATO after Turkey shot down a Russian plane.



- NATO - divided



On the night of 10 September, dozens of Russian drones entered Polish airspace. Several were shot down, prompting Poland to scramble fighter jets. The incident raised concerns about a potential international crisis within NATO.



The drones that entered Polish airspace sparked a crisis. NATO did not regard it as an attack, while Tusk called it a 'major provocation.'





A brief and cryptic social media post by President Trump about Poland highlights the growing disappointment of the U.S. president with the authorities in Warsaw. The tone of the message also indicates emerging diplomatic tensions.





September 10, 2025: In Berlin, the mask dropped — NATO's betrayal of Turkey. The Federal Press Conference held in Berlin on that day marked the start of a historic moment that would challenge Turkey's position within NATO. One journalist asked the government spokespersons a clear and direct question: 'If Israel attacks Ankara, will Germany defend Turkey?' This question was neither hypothetical nor purely rhetorical. Israel had previously declared: 'Whoever attacks Doha is, in a sense, attacking Ankara.' In this way, the capital of a NATO member state — Turkey — became the target of direct threats.

- NATO is concerned about a few drones over Poland but remains silent about what is happening in the Gaza Strip

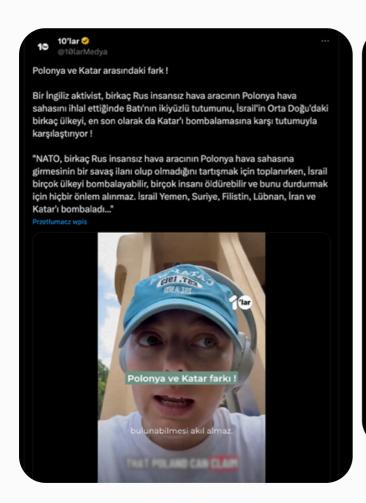


In #Gaza, for three years, Israel and @netanyahu have been carrying out a massacre comparable to Hitler's — why doesn't @NATO intervene? Yet when a single drone flies over Poland, it is immediately treated as the end of the world.





- 1. Israel has attacked three countries in the past 48 hours, yet the only topic for Western countries is Russian drones violating Polish airspace.
- 2. Did Turkish TV or newspapers even mention Poland? I live in Poland there have been 19 violations, and last night in my province, three drones were found while four major airports were non-operational.
- 3. Ukraine killed two Poles and attempted to blame Russia, but later investigations revealed it was Ukraine. Poland didn't even mention it the matter was swept under the carpet.
- 4. It's possible that Poland isn't entirely innocent either, and Ukraine aims to drag NATO into the war. But one thing is interesting last night, when such serious events were unfolding, Turkish media behaved as if they saw nothing: some pro-government, others anti-government, all with their heads in the sand. A shame. That poor girl probably lives in France and is now trying to curry favour with the authorities to gain some points.



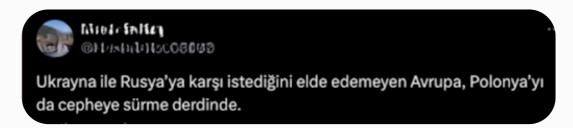




The difference between Poland and Qatar! A British activist compares the West's two-faced stance on the violation of Polish airspace by a few Russian drones with its reaction to the bombings carried out by Israel in Middle Eastern countries — most recently in Qatar.

'While NATO gathers to discuss whether the intrusion of a few Russian drones into Polish airspace is equivalent to a declaration of war, Israel can bomb multiple countries, kill many people, and no steps are taken to stop it. Israel has bombed Yemen, Syria, Palestine, Lebanon, Iran, and Qatar...'

- The West aims to escalate the conflict



Europe, having failed to meet its objectives regarding Ukraine and Russia, now aims to encourage Poland to take a leading role as well.



With reports spreading that #NATO shot down Russian drones in #Poland's airspace, European forces have initiated an intensive campaign to escalate the war.

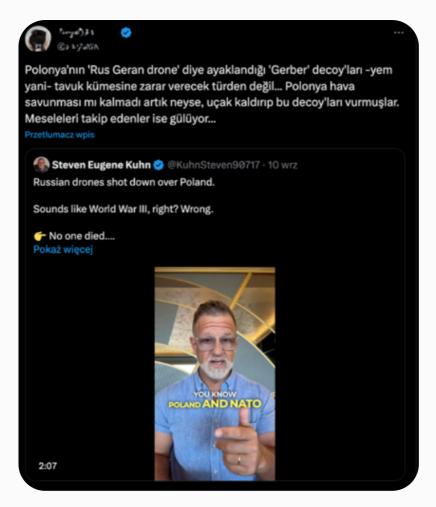


- Poland has expended an unnecessarily large amount of resources to shoot down simple, inexpensive drones

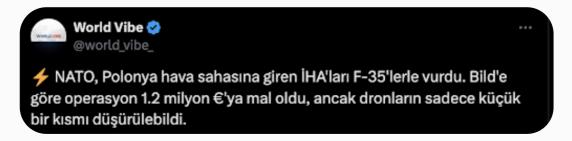


Poland deployed two F-35s towards decoys...





What Poland is sounding the alarm about — the so-called 'Geran' drones from Russia — are in reality Gerber decoys, bait that wouldn't damage even a henhouse. Could it be that Poland has run out of air defences, scrambling aircraft to shoot down these decoys? Those who follow these matters are just laughing at it...



NATO shot down drones that entered Polish airspace using F-35 fighter jets. According to Bild, the operation cost €1.2 million, yet only a small portion of the drones were successfully brought down.





"Dutch F-35 fighter jets shot down Russian Geran ('Gerber') drones over Poland using AIM-9X missiles."

Cost of one Geran drone: approx. \$ 10,000 Cost of one AIM-9X missile: \$ 2.8 million

- Russian missiles a few kilometres from the Polish border

A video circulating online shows Iskander-M launchers armed with 9M723 ballistic missiles in the Kaliningrad region near the Polish border. The footage was taken during the Zapad 2025 exercises — joint Russian-Belarusian military drills held cyclically (every 2–4 years) since the late 1990s. However, when shared without this context, the video gives the false impression that Russia is preparing to attack Poland, possibly triggering public panic.















Using footage showing preparations for a parade in Warsaw as "evidence" of the transfer of Polish troops to the border with Belarus









Conclusions

- * Dominance of "false balance" in Turkish traditional media. Most editorial offices limit themselves to reporting statements from both sides (Poland/NATO vs. Russia/Belarus) without assessing the credibility of the sources or conducting any verification. In conditions of limited media pluralism, this approach normalises the Kremlin's messaging, granting it the status of a legitimate opinion rather than a verifiable claim. In practice, this reduces the debate to a "battle of narratives" rather than a discussion grounded in facts.
- * Resonance effect between Sputnik Türkiye, fringe outlets, and social media. Although the content published by Sputnik Türkiye rarely appears in mainstream Turkish outlets, it exerts significant influence on smaller portals and social media channels, often through direct reprints or paraphrased reproductions of entire texts.
- * Adaptation of established disinformation narratives to Turkish audience sensitivities. Stories such as "Ukrainian provocation," "lack of evidence," or "NATO will not help Poland" are combined with local grievances (Turkey-NATO tensions, precedents from Syria and Gaza) and with tropes of "Western double standards." This hybridisation increases the likelihood that audiences will accept interpretations favourable to Russia.



- * The "panic threshold." Clips of sirens, footage of Iskander missile systems, or recordings from Belarusian accounts are shared without context (e.g., the Zapad 2025 exercises), creating a sense of imminent danger. Algorithms amplify such sensational content at the expense of factual reporting, pushing verified information into the background.
- * Lack of expert commentary. Expert analysis was only occasional, creating an interpretive void easily filled by simple but misleading explanations ("it was Ukraine," "a NATO test," "a mistake").
- * Strategic risk: shifting the Overton window. Repetitive, unchallenged narratives about "alleged" drones, "lack of evidence," or "unintentional incidents" may desensitise Turkish audiences to future violations and reduce the reputational cost of Russian actions in the eyes of a key NATO member state's public opinion.

Recommendations

Communicating in Turkish to Counter Russian Narratives

Since Turkish media often present NATO and Russian statements as equivalent, an effective strategy would be to publish Turkish-language content that explicitly exposes and deconstructs Russian disinformation. This should go beyond simply reposting statements from Polish authorities on embassy or consulate websites or social media accounts. Instead, it should focus on highlighting and analysing manipulative techniques employed by Russian outlets. For instance, such materials could clarify that drones can indeed travel far more than 700 km and that claims to the contrary are deliberate attempts to mislead. A helpful model for this approach is provided by analyses from the Centre for Eastern Studies (OSW), where experts simultaneously identify Russian narratives and present factual corrections.

Guest Articles and Op-Eds in High-Reach Media

Turkish outlets like Anadolu Ajansı often invite Polish experts to comment on EU-related subjects. Similar opportunities should be created for issues related to security and crisis management. For example, one of this report's co-authors contributed an op-ed to Cumhuriyet. Actively involving Polish experts who are already recognised in Turkey as credible voices on Polish affairs would be a valuable approach. To ensure this method is sustainable, it should not depend solely on individual experts seeking access to Turkish media but should be supported by coordinated institutional efforts. Polish diplomacy could keep a list of such experts and help facilitate their engagement with Turkish outlets—by



connecting them with journalists, suggesting them for commentary, or initiating articles on matters of strategic importance to Poland's foreign and security policies. This would not only increase the visibility of Polish viewpoints but also promote a consistent, professional narrative that supports Poland's national interests.

Cooperation with Turkish Fact-Checkers and Think Tanks

Partnerships with organisations involved in fact-checking and disinformation analysis could help demonstrate how coverage of the drone incident was distorted. Poland could support such efforts through training programmes or joint projects, thereby engaging Turkish journalists who currently face challenges establishing themselves within the domestic media environment.

Unified NATO Messaging in Turkish

It would be advisable to develop a concise communication tool—such as a crisis-response "One-Pager-TR"—coordinated among NATO StratCom, the Polish MFA and MoD, and relevant diplomatic missions. This would ensure that Turkish media receive a unified, technically accurate message within the same timeframe, minimising space for competing or contradictory interpretations.



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