

Lavrov Says Polish Crash Wreckage to Be Returned

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Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov promised his Polish counterpart that Russia will return the wreckage from the plane crash that killed Polish President Lech Kaczynski and 95 others, and it will do so as soon as possible.

Poland has expressed frustration that it still has not received the wreckage, more than two years after the plane crashed outside Smolensk in heavy fog. Last week, Polish Foreign Minister Radek Sikorski asked the European Union's foreign policy chief to pressure Russia on the issue.

At a news conference with Sikorski on Monday, Lavrov said, "We hope — it's in our general interest — to complete the investigation as soon as possible and send the plane's wreckage to the Polish side."

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