

Poland Apologizes for Russian Embassy Attack

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Polish President Bronislaw Komorowski has apologized to Russia for the nationalist attack on the Russian Embassy in Warsaw on Monday.

"On behalf of the Polish government it is necessary to apologize, recognizing that the enormous losses to Poland's image are already a fact," Komorowski said Wednesday on Polish radio station Raio Zet, RIA Novosti reported.

Komorowski's words follow Russia's demands for an official apology and compensation for damage done to the embassy that were conveyed Tuesday to the Polish ambassador in Moscow.

"The Russian authorities have every reason for harsh judgments. Such a deplorable situation has arisen in which everyone is forced to be ashamed and apologize for the excesses of hooligans, the Polish government and its authorities most of all," Komorowski said, BBC

Russia reported.

Also on Wednesday, the Polish Interior Ministry presented an official note with condolences to the Russian ambassador in Warsaw.

The assault on the Russian Embassy broke out during a rally of up to 50,000 participants staged by nationalists and the far-right to commemorate Poland's Independence Day.

Members of the Other Russia opposition movement responded Wednesday by attempting to hurl flares at the Polish embassy in Moscow. Three assailants were detained by police.

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