

Polish Defense Minister: Poland Is Ready to Sell Arms to Ukraine

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Poland's Defense Minister Tomasz Siemoniak (R) and his Chinese counterpart General Chang Wanquan attend a welcoming ceremony before a meeting in Warsaw, Sept. 2, 2014.

WARSAW — NATO member Poland is ready to sell arms to Ukraine if there is demand, Polish Defense Minister Tomasz Siemoniak said Monday.

"I confirm that the Polish defense industry is interested in this direction," Siemoniak told private radio station Zet. "There are several products that may be interesting for Ukraine."

"If only there is a will and a readiness to purchase any elements of armaments in Poland, then Polish factories dream of nothing else but exports," he also said.

NATO officials have said the alliance will not send weapons to Ukraine, which is not a member state, but they have also said individual allies may choose to do so.

Russia is fiercely opposed to closer ties between Ukraine and the NATO alliance.

The Ukrainian military accused separatists and Russian troops on Sunday of continuing

to shoot at government forces despite a Sept. 5 ceasefire. The rebels have blamed Kiev's forces for the outbreaks of fighting.

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