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Poland Wonders Why Russia Feels It Insulted Millions of Russian World War II Victims

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German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier talks to his Polish counterpart Grzegorz Schetyna (R) during an extraordinary European Union foreign ministers meeting in Brussels on Jan. 29, 2015.

WARSAW — Poland's Foreign Ministry summoned the Russian ambassador to protest about comments from a senior Russian diplomat directed at Poland's foreign minister, a Polish government source said Tuesday.

Russian state media quoted Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Grigory Karasin as saying that Polish Foreign Minister Grzegorz Schetyna had insulted the memory of millions of Russians killed in World War II.

Schetyna had said that London and Berlin were more appropriate venues than Moscow to mark this year's 70th anniversary of the end of the war. Relations between Poland and Russia are especially tense because of the conflict in Ukraine.

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