

Russia Is Bigger Global Threat Than Islamic State - Polish Minister

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Polish Foreign Minister Witold Waszczykowski

Poland's Foreign Minister Witold Waszczykowski has described Russia as a bigger global threat than the Islamic State terrorist organization, Polish media reported over the weekend.

Speaking at a security forum in Slovakian capital Bratislava on Friday, he said that Moscow's actions can “destroy countries.”

“We have existential threats and non-existential threats,” said Waszczykowski, Poland's *Wiadomosci* newspaper reported. “There are non-existential threats, such as terrorists, or the massive wave of migrants. Russia's actions are a kind of an existential threat, because they can destroy countries.”

Poland has been one of the most vocal critics in Europe of Russia's annexation of Crimea from Ukraine in 2014 and support for separatist insurgents in Ukraine's east.

Waszczykowski will urge NATO to approve the deployment of troops on the alliance's eastern borders when the organization's leaders convene this summer in Warsaw, Britain's The Telegraph newspaper reported.

The Islamic State is a terrorist organization banned in Russia.

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