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HIMARS system for the Polish Army

- We have it! On Wednesday, we will sign a contract with the United States government on the delivery of the HIMARS squadron for the Polish Army, and thus a weapon that will significantly increase the combat capabilities of the Polish Army. It will be 20 launchers with ammunition. This is modern equipment that guarantees effectiveness on the battlefield - said Mariusz Błaszczak, the Minister of National Defence during a visit to the 1st Warsaw Armored Brigade.



Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki and the head of the Ministry of National Defence on February 10 during a visit to the 1st Warsaw Armored Brigade informed about one of the largest modernization contracts for the Polish Army, which concerns the reinforcement of air defence and artillery forces.

The Polish Army will obtain for its equipment the first module of HIMARS multiple launch rocket system launchers.

Minister Błaszczak reminded that the decision to purchase the HIMARS system is another important stage this year in the modernization of the Polish Army and increasing the defence potential. At the end of January, an agreement was signed on the purchase of Black Hawk helicopters for the needs of special forces.

- Today we present details about the HIMARS squadron. The tender for the purchase of helicopters for the Navy is also on the right track. I would like to remind you that last year the Polish Army signed an agreement on the purchase of the Patriot system, but also on mortars, Vis-100 guns, drones or Jelcz trucks and thus products of the Polish defence industry - said the head of the Defense Ministry.

- We want the Polish Army to be equipped with modern equipment and we also want the Polish Army to be more numerous. Hence, we stage a campaign Become a Polish Soldier. We want the Polish Army to be more strongly embedded in the structures of the North Atlantic Alliance, hence our talks with the allies, hence the presence of allied troops in Poland - Minister Błaszczak said during the meeting in the 1st Armored Brigade.

The head of the Ministry of Defence reminded that Poland is among the few NATO countries that spend 2% of GDP on their defence.

- I would like to assure you that security is our priority, it is the priority of Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki's government. I would like to assure you that it is not the last time this year we meet to present just such good information about the security of Poland and Poles - said the Minister.

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The contract value is \$ 414 million net. The purchase was carried out in the form of Foreign Military Sales, by concluding an agreement between the governments of the Republic of Poland and the United States of America. The contract was implemented as part of the modernization task "Homar".

The subject of the contract is the delivery of the first squadron, which will include 18 combat launchers and two training launchers along with the GMLRS and ATACMS missile ammunition as well as the LCRR training ammunition. Command vehicles, ammunition wagons and evacuation tractors will also be provided. The contract also includes logistic, technical and training support. The first squadron of the system will be acquired in a configuration as close as possible to those in the US equipment. Deliveries of system components will be implemented successively until 2023.