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Press Release

Warsaw Security Forum 2026 at the centre of the debate about NATO's future and European security. NATO's SACEUR, Gen. Alexis Grynkewich, will present the Alliance's new strategy publicly for the first time.

NATO's strategy towards Russia's war against Ukraine, the Polish-Norwegian partnership, Nordic-Baltic-Polish cooperation and the growing engagement of the Gulf states are the key themes of this year's Warsaw Security Forum. The opening panel of this year's Forum will feature the Prime Ministers of Poland, Norway and Lithuania, while **President Volodymyr Zelenskyy** will present Ukraine's perspective, joining Forum participants online. On 12–13 October, Warsaw will bring together more than 2500 leading figures from politics, the military, diplomacy and the expert community from **Europe, the United States and the Middle East** to discuss the future of security and the direction of change in the global balance of power.

This year's edition will bring together **3 prime ministers** and **30 ministers**, alongside **senior representatives of NATO's political and military leadership**. Polish Prime Minister **Donald Tusk** will be joined in Warsaw by Norwegian Prime Minister **Jonas Gahr Støre** and Lithuanian Prime Minister **Mindaugas Sinkevičius**. Such a high level of participation underlines the Forum's standing as a key venue for top-level debate on European and transatlantic security.

Gen. Grynkewich and NATO's Theory of Victory

One of the highlights of this year's Warsaw Security Forum will be the address by **Gen. Alexis Grynkewich, who has served as NATO's Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR) since last year. For the first time in public, the General will present the Theory of Victory – a strategy which in recent months has been discussed exclusively at the highest level of the NATO Military Committee.** The presentation will open a debate on the future of the war, its consequences for European security and the direction of the Alliance's capability development.

The event will also be attended by **NATO Deputy Secretary General Radmila Shekerinska** and **Admiral Giuseppe Cavo Dragone, Chair of the NATO Military Committee.** The presence of such senior representatives of the Alliance's political and military leadership underlines the exceptional significance of this year's Forum and the importance of Warsaw as a venue for debate on the future of international security.

"Gen. Grynkeiwich's concept answers a key question: what must happen for the Alliance to be ready for a high-intensity conflict? One of the most important elements of this strategy is the year 2029, identified as the key time horizon for preparing European and American forces for future challenges. At the Warsaw Security Forum, Gen. Grynkeiwich will reveal for the first time why this particular date is so important for the security of Europe and the future of the Alliance" - Prof. Katarzyna Pisarska, Chair of the Warsaw Security Forum.

The Theory of Victory marks a shift in thinking about the future of war – from deterrence alone to building real capabilities to win it. At its core is the creation of military and industrial potential that will **enable the Alliance not only to respond effectively to aggression, but also to create conditions in which continuing the conflict becomes too costly for the adversary.** The concept takes on particular significance in the face of the long-term transformation of Europe's security environment brought about by Russia's war against Ukraine.

The strength of Nordic-Baltic-Polish cooperation

Norway is this year's Partner Nation of the Warsaw Security Forum, which will be reflected in a strong Norwegian presence at this year's event. Prime Minister **Jonas Gahr Støre** will come to Warsaw together with members of the Norwegian government, including the foreign, defence and climate ministers. **Their participation is part of the broader Nordic-Baltic-Polish cooperation that is the focus of this year's WSF Report.** The Report shows that the countries of the region are increasingly pooling their capabilities in security, defence, energy and resilience, building a common response to the changing security environment.

The participation of Lithuanian Prime Minister **Mindaugas Sinkevičius** in the opening panel of the Annual Gathering also reflects this regional dimension of the Forum. Cooperation among the Nordic and Baltic states and Poland is gaining particular importance in the context of strengthening the northern and eastern flanks and building Europe's long-term security architecture.

From Kyiv to Tehran

Ukraine, whose resistance has shaped European thinking on security for more than four years, will hold a special place in this year's Forum programme. President **Volodymyr Zelenskyy** will connect with participants via video link, his wartime leadership having become a symbol for Europe of determination in defending sovereignty and freedom. The Forum will also host a large delegation from Kyiv, led by Ukraine's Minister of Foreign Affairs **Andrii Sybiha**. The Minister will bring to Warsaw a nearly three-metre, Iranian-designed Shahed-131 (Geran-1) one-way attack drone to show the weapon Russia uses to terrorise Ukrainian cities every day. The conference will address how to **curb Russia's ability to produce these drones**, which are made up of 80% Western components.

Both Russia's war against Ukraine and rising tensions around Iran and the stability of the Middle East have ceased to be purely local crises. They generate global shocks with a direct impact on energy security, the stability of global transport routes, trade, commodity supplies and the future balance of power. In this dynamic political situation, **the Gulf states are becoming indispensable partners for Europe in discussions on regional**

stabilisation and energy supplies, while the European security architecture is becoming an increasingly important element of the global strategies of Middle Eastern states.

This year's Forum programme responds to this interdependence. **The participation of high-level delegations from Saudi Arabia, and Qatar reflects the strategic importance of European-Arab relations.** The meeting in the Polish capital will provide an opportunity for open dialogue on key geopolitical challenges.

WSF Annual Gathering 2026 will bring together **more than 2,500 participants from 90 countries**, including **representatives of governments, parliaments, NATO and the European Union, the armed forces, the defence industry, international organisations and the expert community.** The Forum is an invitation-only event for a select group of international participants, providing space for direct exchanges of views and top-level discussions on security, defence and the future of Europe.

About the Warsaw Security Forum

For more than a decade, the WSF has stood as one of Europe's leading platforms dedicated to transatlantic cooperation and the development of shared responses to common security challenges. The Forum convenes over 2,500 senior delegates and 100 institutional partners from more than 90 countries each year. The 13th edition will be held in close cooperation with the **Government of the Kingdom of Norway**, our Partner Nation for this year, and will feature a strong high-level Norwegian presence throughout the programme.

Notes to editors

The Warsaw Security Forum 2026 Annual Gathering takes place on 12–13 October 2026 in Warsaw. Further information is available at warsawsecurityforum.org.

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