President Toomas Hendrik Ilves and Evelin Ilves traveled to Warsaw at the invitation of Polish President Lech Kaczyński to participate in the formal celebration of Poland's 90th anniversary.

"It is noteworthy that Estonia and Poland are both celebrating their 90th anniversaries," President Ilves said. "Our fates have been as just as complicated and painful as the 20th century has been for Europe. However Estonia and Poland are now together in the European Union and NATO as equal allies, and we are closer to and closer than ever before. Therefore, the 21st century has started hopefully for us both."

According to President Ilves, the very good relations between Estonia and Poland are characterized by mutual understanding and trust.

In Warsaw at a ceremony organized by the Estonian Embassy, the Estonian Head of State will meet with writer Anne Applebaum, to whom he will deliver the Order of the Cross of Terra Mariana Third Class that was bestowed on her last February.

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