"The tragic announcement of the death in action of five Polish soldiers in Afghanistan fills me with deep sadness," wrote the President, Toomas Hendrik Ilves, in a letter of condolences that he sent to the Polish Head of State, Bronisław Komorowski. "I bow my head in memory of these heroes, and I ask you to please forward my condolences to the families and friends of these brave men."

On 21 December, five Polish soldiers, who served in the NATO-led international peace securing ISAF troops, were killed in Ghazni Province, Afghanistan, when a device exploded.

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