

Poland celebrates Independence Day on November 11



Poland celebrates the 98th anniversary of Poland's regaining independence on November 11. National Independence Day is the country's most important public holiday marking the restoration of Polish independence in 1918, when, after 123 years of partitions by Austria, Prussia and Russia Poland reappeared on the map of Europe as a sovereign democratic state. The date of November 11 was announced a national holiday in 1937. From 1939 to 1989, celebration of the holiday was forbidden. After the collapse of communist government, the holiday regained its significance.

Poland's President Andrzej Duda and representatives of governing party Law and Justice (PiS) will celebrate the 98th anniversary of Poland regaining independence in the southern city of Cracow, while Warsaw will witness two main patriotic demonstrations: one organized by the right-wing and nationalistic milieus and another one held by anti-government organization KOD with support from opposition parties.

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