



Kosovo Conflict: Poland

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1 Recognition of Kosovo

Poland was the first Slavic country to recognize Kosovo's independence just 9 days after its declaration.

Poland currently has 274 troops serving in Kosovo as peacekeepers in the NATO led Kosovo Force. Originally there were 800 Polish troops in KFOR.

Despite this, Poland so far has no diplomatic ties to Kosovo. [1]

2 Shared History with Serbia

The earliest recorded relations between Serbia and Poland date back to the middle ages and a cultural exchange is still taking place in modern times. For example, in the 1970s and 80s, Yugoslav rock enjoyed huge popularity in Poland.

In WW2, Serbs and Poles were also among the most affected by Nazi war crimes and Poles joined the Yugoslav partisans to fight against the Nazis.

This relation has led to criticism of the recognition of Kosovo's independence and protests against it, some with 1500-2000 attendants. [2]



Fig. 1: Geographical Location of Poland and Kosovo

3 References

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