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NATO's frontline states ramp up military protection on the Ukrainian border

Hungary's government spokesperson, Alexandra Szentkiralyi, announced that an increase in humanitarian aid, which includes medical supplies, will be sent to Ukraine. Szentkiralyi stated that the Hungarian government still desires to stay out of the Russo-Ukrainian War, but is willing to continue sending non-lethal supplies to Ukraine. Slovakia is currently enhancing its military defenses in response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The Patriot Air Defense System has started arriving from Brussels, which will bolster the eastern flank of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). The use of this system will coincide with the Soviet-era S-300 system that Slovakia is currently operating. Alongside protecting its own airspace, Poland is receiving more troops and anti-air missile systems from the United Kingdom to protect its airspace. Ben Wallace, the British Defense Secretary, stated that 100 British troops will arrive to Poland with a Sky Sabre Radar and Missile Defense System. The Sky Sabre Radar and Missile Defense System will be positioned along the Polish-Ukraine border. Russia recently warned NATO countries that sending air defenses to Ukraine will make them potential targets by the Russian military. END

CMCD Note

Hungary's Prime Minister Viktor Orbán's recent acceptance of, and positive response to, Ukrainian refugees is a drastic shift from his traditionally negative stance on immigration. Two political rallies occurred over the weekend in Hungary, of which one was representing the opposition party running in elections against Orbán. Multiple rally goers carried signs and made their support for Ukraine known. Orbán's attempt to soften his narrative on immigration is one of his last efforts to secure a fourth term as prime minister. Some pre-election polls have stated the opposition is within 2% of Orbán in popularity, with the response to the Ukraine war having a major influence on the April 3 election outcome. Slovakia has openly stated its "immediate" willingness to send its S-300 Air Defense System and MiG-29 fighter jets to Ukraine, if it can be ensured replacements. After a meeting between Slovakian officials with the US Defense Secretary on this matter, no clear agreements have been expressed.

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