

Polish memorial proposed for Berlin

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WARSAW, Poland - Germany is seeking Polish support for a memorial to honor ethnic Germans expelled from central and Eastern Europe in the 1940s. Deutsche Welle said 12 million ethnic Germans were forced to leave their homes in Poland and other countries after World War II. The tens of thousands of refugees who died are considered by Germany to be some of the last victims of the war, the newspaper said. Critics in Poland say it is an attempt to turn German aggressors into victims. Poland's new Prime Minister Donald Tusk has suggested that Germans participate in a joint European project for a World War II museum that takes the fate of those expelled into account "in a conclusive and comprehensive context" of the war as a whole, the newspaper said. While German Chancellor Andrea Merkel expressed interest in the idea, she didn't see it as a replacement for the German project, Deutsche Welle said.

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