

## Polish-U.S. missile defense talks open

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WARSAW, Poland - Poland and the United States opened talks Monday on deploying a European missile defense system on Polish territory, a report said.

The introductory round of talks is to discuss legal issues over building the base, provided an agreement is reached, Polish Radio reported Monday.

Regular talks on the interceptor missile base in Poland as part of the U.S. anti-missile center in Europe are scheduled for next week.

U.S. officials have already begun talks with Prague on stationing a radar base in the neighboring Czech Republic.

The deployment of the U.S. anti-missile system in central Europe is opposed by a growing number of citizens in the Czech Republic and Poland, with Moscow criticizing the U.S. plan as a threat to Russia.

U.S. officials say the central European defense program is aimed at intercepting missile fired from Iran or elsewhere in the Middle East.

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