

Bush: I'll talk to Putin about threat

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HEILIGENDAMM, Germany - U.S. President George W. Bush said Wednesday in Germany that "no military response" is necessary to Russia's threat to aim missiles at Europe.

Russian President Vladimir Putin, who opposes U.S. plans to site a missile defense system in eastern Europe, has said Russia may respond by pointing missiles at Europe.

Bush told reporters covering the Group of Eight summit that he will discuss Putin's comments with him and downplayed recent tension between the two leaders.

At a press appearance with German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Bush said he hoped the G8 leaders can relieve suffering in Africa during their summit.

"I come with a deep desire to make sure that those suffering from HIV/AIDS on the continent of Africa know that they'll get help from the G8. I come with a deep desire to work with people around the table to reduce malaria on the continent of Africa, and feed the hungry," Bush said.

Bush told Merkel that he also wanted to work on how to achieve a reduction of greenhouse gases and to become energy independent.

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