
PARIS SAYS IT IS NOT PROVOKING MOSCOW BY SENDING TROOPS TO ROMANIA

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The French offer to send troops to Romania as part of a broader plan to reinforce NATO ranks on the eastern flank was not intended to provoke Russia, said French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian, promising to do everything to defuse tensions in relations with Moscow, reports Reuters.

The United States has said it will send nearly 3,000 additional troops to Poland and Romania to reinforce Eastern European NATO allies in the face of what Washington calls a Russian threat to invade Ukraine. France said it also plans to send troops to Romania as part of a future NATO mission.

The Kremlin has said the deployment of additional US troops in Eastern Europe is an escalation.

Jean-Yves Le Drian stated that the intention was actually to defuse the situation.

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