
EU comment on Russia and Poland gas contract - Mr Tusk

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Itar-Tass citing Mr Donald Tusk Polish Prime Minister as saying that the European Commission comment on the Russian-Polish gas contract will not become an impediment.

He said Poland paid attention to comments of certain European officials but the comments were not fundamental and could not prevent the signing of the contract. The premier also noted that the comments concerned certain provisions of the contract rather than essential details.

The European Commission expressed concern about the operator of the Yamal pipeline supplying gas to Europe. An independent operator will supervise gas deliveries on the Polish territory in keeping with the EU requirements, so that all market dealers have an equal access to the infrastructure.

Mr Tusk said the gas agreement with Russia meets the interests of Poland and Polish citizens. He also noted that Poland would not allow to apply larger restrictions to Polish gas treaties than those applied to gas treaties of other countries with the same exporters.

He added that gas and energy security are fundamental not only for Poland but also for the entire European Union and Polish-Russia relations. Poland knows how sensitive the issue is, so it is ready for discussing contract details with Russia and the European Union.

In the opinion of the premier, everything can be done within several days and Poland will be ready for concluding the deal.

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