

Letter from MajGen John F. Campbell sent to Minister of National Defence Bogdan Klich

Dear Minister Klich, I recently read the Time.com article titled “For U.S. Troops in Afghanistan, Coalition Forces Are Mixed Blessing”, and I was dismayed at reported comments made by unnamed US senior leaders and some unnamed members of my command.

I can assure you I will personally address the issue of disparaging comments to the press made about our Coalition partners. Without the active participation and sacrifice from the Polish, and our other partnering nations, we would not have the success we continue to build upon here in Regional Command-East. Polish forces have faithfully stood shoulder to shoulder with both the US and Afghan forces in eastern Afghanistan for more than five years. I have personally witnessed the service and sacrifice of your past two task forces in Ghazni and I have been proud to have them as part of my command. Brigadier General Andrzej Reudowicz and his team have continued to press the fight and are making a huge difference in the lives of the Afghan people in Ghazni.

Please accept my heartfelt apologies on behalf of all U.S. forces in Regional Command-East. I look forward to continuing to build upon our strong foundation as we continue to work together for a better Afghanistan.

Most sincerely,

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Commanding General