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CRISIS OVER TOP COURT SHAPES POLAND'S BATTLE LINES BEFORE 2027 ELECTION

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PM Tusks government frames the battle over the Constitutional Tribunal as an effort to restore the rule of law, his enemies call it a coup.

The battle over who rules Poland is being fought in front of a cream-colored palace in central Warsaw surrounded by police and protesters that houses the countrys top constitutional court.

Liberal, pro-EU Prime Minister Donald Tusk wants to roll back changes to the Constitutional Tribunal made by the previous nationalist Law and Justice (PiS) party government, while President Karol Nawrocki is fighting — even physically — to keep the PiS-aligned judges in charge.

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