

Poland split over Kaczynski burial plan

Poles are sharply divided over a decision to bury President Lech Kaczynski in Wawel Cathedral in Krakow, a site reserved for the nation's kings and heroes. Kaczynski, president since 2005, was a polarising figure whose support levels had fallen to about 20% before his death



Wawel Hill: Poland's national sanctuary includes **Wawel Cathedral** – coronation site of most of Poland's monarchs – and **Wawel Castle** – centre of government for five centuries until end of 16th century

Kaczynski and wife Maria will be buried in crypt following request from president's twin brother Jaroslaw, leader of Poland's opposition, and other family members



As well as Polish kings, Wawel crypt also contains tombs of **Jozef Pilsudski**, architect of Polish independence, legendary military commander **Tadeusz Kosciuszko**, Poland's wartime leader **Wladyslaw Sikorski** and national poet **Adam Mickiewicz**