



**FROM THE DESK OF  
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PRESIDENT  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF POLONIA AND POLAND**

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Zbigniew Ziobro  
Poland Minister of Justice

Dear Minister Ziobro,

You serve as Minister of Justice in a country where law and justice are increasingly absent.

Independent journalists are subjected to persecution. Freedom of speech is under attack. Patriots are imprisoned. Pseudo-journalists aligned with the Warsaw establishment organize coordinated media smear campaigns against individuals deemed inconvenient to the ruling political class. Foreign corporations hostile to Poland's national interests — including Facebook — interfere in Poland's democratic process with complete impunity, silencing patriots while promoting criminals and political extremism.

On December 13, 2022, our law office submitted a formal criminal notification to the Prosecutor's Office (Case No. 2010-1.Ko(k).21.2023), informing authorities that shortly before Poland's 2020 presidential election, Facebook directly interfered in the electoral process by banning and shadow-banning accounts belonging to presidential candidates and independent political commentators. Such actions constituted foreign corporate interference in Poland's sovereign democratic process.

To carry out this operation, Facebook employed and financed in Poland a group operating under the name "Demagog." Individuals lacking even basic journalistic qualifications effectively became unelected arbiters of truth through so-called "fact-checking," deciding which independent

journalists could or could not exist within Poland's public sphere — bypassing entirely the legal system over which you preside as Minister of Justice.

The continued failure of your ministry to act decisively in these matters has created a dangerous atmosphere of impunity, encouraging further violations of press law, personal rights, and the ethical standards expected in civilized democratic societies.

In December 2022 — one year before Poland's parliamentary elections — my Facebook account, followed by more than 700,000 people, was permanently removed. Meanwhile, the account "Prezydent Polonii i Polski" continues to face artificial reach restrictions, coordinated false reports, and ongoing harassment designed to ensure its eventual deletion as well.

The campaign aimed at eliminating me as an independent journalist has since expanded to Wikipedia, where my professional achievements were effectively erased and replaced in the Polish version with a litany of falsehoods, distortions, and defamatory attacks.

Law and justice appear only rarely in Polish courts today. Judges increasingly fear issuing independent rulings due to concerns over retaliation from the ruling political establishment of President Duda and Prime Minister Morawiecki.

At the same time, Poland is witnessing political show trials reminiscent of the Stalinist era. Citizens such as Ms. Sokołowska of the "Wołyń Pamiętamy" Foundation, and Ms. Joanna T., sued merely for Facebook posts expressing prayers for an end to the deadly war in Ukraine, have become targets of politically motivated prosecution. Their concern — namely that the policies of Duda and Morawiecki risk dragging Poland toward a catastrophic global conflict — was entirely legitimate.

It is regrettable that, as a journalist, I was among the very few public figures willing to defend this woman against an unjust prosecution in Poland.

For nearly three years, verdicts in my defamation lawsuits against NaTemat and Wykop have been repeatedly postponed. Users associated with Wykop illegally appropriated and redistributed the film archive developed over many years by my network, MaxTVGO.com. Selectively

edited excerpts of my programs continue to be circulated online in deliberate attempts to defame and discredit me.

Most recently, a Wykop user illegally extracted and distributed a 15-second fragment from the film "In Memory of Ola from Legnica," a young woman murdered by intoxicated Ukrainian nationals. That fragment was taken from a raw pre-broadcast version of the material and did not appear in the final published program. The quoted passage was removed before broadcast, as I publicly explained to my viewers on X.

Despite this fact, Facebook allowed the manipulated clip to be published on pages associated with an individual reportedly sought by your ministry under criminal warrant. Although reported repeatedly to Facebook, the material remains online and was subsequently amplified by numerous Polish media outlets including Onet, wPolityce, Wprost, Gazeta, Press, Wirtualne Media, Rzeczpospolita, NaTemat, and Wykop under the defamatory headline: "Max Kolonko Calls for the Assassination of Duda." Members of your own political camp, including Mr. Dariusz Matecki of Suwerenna Polska, have now joined this coordinated campaign.

I therefore remind the politicians of Suwerenna Polska and the aligned media organizations involved: you deliberately extracted and publicized 15 seconds from a 55-minute prophetic program produced by MaxTVGO.com in order to defame me. Through your hatred and political hysteria, you yourselves normalized and promoted the dangerous concept of political violence within the public sphere. If future acts of violence occur, responsibility will rest with those who manufactured and amplified this campaign.

Pursuant to the terms and conditions of MaxTV LLC, the unauthorized copying and distribution of MaxTV materials — in whole or in misleading excerpts taken out of context — is subject to contractual penalties of 300,000 PLN per violation. Civil and legal actions against the individuals and organizations responsible will be filed in both Poland and the United States.

I hereby inform you that I intend to travel to Poland in order to discuss these matters with you directly.

At the same time, given the climate of hostility and hatred promoted against me by elements of the Warsaw media establishment, and as an American citizen, I respectfully request that Embassy of the United States,

Warsaw consider providing temporary protection or assistance during my stay in my homeland — a homeland which, under the rule of Law and Justice, has descended into lawlessness and injustice.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Max Kolonko', written over a horizontal line.

Max Kolonko

President of Poland and Polonia (Polish Americans) Ad Interim