

Response of the Government of Poland

The Government of Poland would like to inform, that on June 15th 2015, immediately after Mr. Łukasz Masiak, the editor of the local newspaper and online news portal NaszaMława.pl, was killed, an official and independent investigation by the Prosecutor's Office has been launched. It needs to be stressed that in Poland, the Prosecutor's Office is fully independent of the executive branch of government.

The preparatory proceedings are currently conducted by the District Prosecutor's Office in Mława. The alleged identified perpetrator is facing charges of homicide. Since the perpetrator is still at large, the Prosecutor issued after him the order for search in the form of a wanted notice. Furthermore, the District Court in Mława issued the European arrest warrant and the International Police Co-operation Bureau has launched the transnational search.

During the course of the preparatory proceedings, various aspects and circumstances of the case have been examined – also those, related to the fact that the victim was a journalist. However, the evidence collected so far, does not indicate that the killing of Mr. Masiak was related to his professional activities.