

Updated information from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland

in response to the alert of 23 June 2015 entitled “Journalist Lukasz Masiak Beaten to Death”

“In response to the media alert on the Council of Europe Platform to promote the protection of journalism and safety of journalists concerning the murder of journalist Łukasz Masiak, in June 2015, the Government of the Republic of Poland would like to convey the following explanation on the progress in the investigation in this case.

On 15th of July 2016 the District Prosecutor in Płock issued an indictment against Bartosz N. to the District Court in Płock. The proceedings are conducted by the District Prosecutor's Office in Płock against Bartosz N., who is accused of having committed a crime under art. 148 § 1 of the Criminal Code.

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. According to the prosecutor, the evidence collected so far, do not indicate though, that the killing of Mr. Masiak was related to his professional activities”.