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The exhibition dedicated to the Ulma family will be presented at the Jidal School of International Affairs in India



On 29 August 2018 Dr Mateusz Szpytma, Deputy President of the Institute of National Remembrance met with Dr Rohee Dasgupta,

Executive Director of the Centre for European Studies and Faculty Convener, Jindal Centre for Israel Studies in the Republic of India. The meeting took place at the initiative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Dr Dasgupta discussed main theses of her completed doctorate on anthropology devoted to renewal of Polish-Jewish identity, functioning of the Jewish communities in the context of the Polish law and especially the constitution. Dr Dasgupta has also informed Dr Szpytma about yet another display of the exhibition "Samaritans from Markowa. The Ulmas - Poles Murdered by Germans for Aiding Jews" in India. It will be presented at the Jindal School of International Affairs on 9-19 September 2018.

Topics concerning memory, commemoration, and the need of dialogue in the Jewish-Polish relations were discussed. Dr Szpytma spoke about the Institute of National Remembrance and the Ulma Family Museum in Markowa. He is the originator of the museum and the curator of its permanent exhibition. Dr Szpytma also discussed the work of the Joint Commission of the Government and the National and Ethnic Minorities, of which he was a member. Also, the opening of the exhibition about the Ulma Family in Calcutta was mentioned. It took place at the Victoria Memorial Hall in December last year. Dr Szpytma talked about the celebrations regarding the Indian Independence Day, which were held on 14 August 2018 at the Square of Wandering Soldiers in Warsaw. The plaque, which was opened last year, is a token of gratitude towards the authorities and citizens of the Indian Principality of Kolhapur for their help given to young Poles during the war. Finally, Dr Dasgupta has invited President Szpytma to deliver a lecture next

year on the Polish-Jewish relations at the Jidal School of International Affairs.

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