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The 80th anniversary of the bombing of Frampol. Commemoration ceremonies - Frampol, 13 September 2019

Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki will take part in the celebrations co-organized by the Institute of National Remembrance.

A close-up of the Polish flag, showing the white and red horizontal stripes. The text "80. Rocznic Bombardowania Frampola" is overlaid on the white stripe.

80. Rocznic
Bombardowania
Frampola

13 September 1939 - the most tragic date in the over 300-year-old

history of Frampol. It was on this day that a dozen or so German planes razed over 80% of the buildings of this vibrant town to the ground. Frampol, with about 3,000 inhabitants, a regular building plan, a centrally located market square and town hall, became a training facility for German aviation. The bombs dropped on the city turned the center of Frampol and the adjacent streets along with residential and farm buildings to rubble. German bombs did not spare church buildings, destroying the city's church tower. One of the witnesses described the day as follows: "The sky over Frampol was one huge sea of fire (...) "

During the raid, most of the inhabitants managed to hide in nearby ravines, fields and in the cemetery adjacent to the city. During the bombing, both civilians and Polish soldiers were killed. Many of the inhabitants who left Frampol at that time, never returned. Those who stayed, rebuilt their town with great determination and dedication.

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