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The opening of the exhibition "Extermination of the Polish elite. Action AB - Katyn" on Thursday, May 16 in Mississauga, Canada.











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I extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending the exhibition of "The Destruction of the Polish Elite, Operation AB – Katyn," prepared by the Public Education Office of the Institute of National Remembrance of Poland.

The Katyn Forest is one of the truly tragic places in the world. In the spring of 1940, following the invasion and partition of Poland between Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union, the Soviet NKVD —the secret police— committed one of the most horrific atrocities of the Second World War when they executed over 20,000 of Poland's elite, including nearly half of the armed forces' officer corps, police officers, university professors, physicians, journalists, lawyers, engineers, and teachers. In the forest near the village of Katyn, thousands of these victims were buried in mass graves. The unpardonable nature of this crime led the Soviet government to deny its involvement for the next 50 years. The Polish Institute of National Remembrance has played an important role in revealing what really happened in the Katyn Forest. I commend the members of this organization for their commitment to the truth and for bringing this powerful photographic exhibition to Canada.

Today, I join with you in paying tribute to the victims of Katyn: their memory lives on in the heart of a free and democratic Poland.

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Event Name The opening of the exhibition "Extermination of the Polish elite. Action AB - Katyn" on Thursday, May 16 in Mississauga, Canada.

Start Date 19th May 2013 3:06pm

End Date 20th May 2013 3:06pm

Duration 1 day

Description The English version of the exhibition "Extermination of the Polish elite. Action AB - Katyn" was presented on Thursday, May 16 at the Central Library of Mississauga, Canada. The opening ceremony was attended by many representatives of local authorities: Members of the Federal Parliament of Canada, of the Parliament of Ontario Province, Mississauga's local government, and authorities of Polish organizations. Numerous members of Polish Community living in Mississauga and Toronto did come as well.

In his letter to the participant of the opening ceremony Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada, emphasized the role of IPN in discovering the truth about Katyn.

The exhibition and the accompanying lectures and trainings for teachers were organized within the Polonia Programme carried out by the Institute's Public Education Office. The exhibition will be open until May 22, 2013.

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