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Start Date 4th Feb 2014 3:00pm

End Date 27th Feb 2014 6:00pm

Duration 23 days and 3 hours

From 4 until 27 February 2014 exhibition "Learnt Polnisch" (*Learn Polish*) will be on display at Janusz Kurtyka IPN Educational Center at Marszałkowska 21/25 in Warsaw. It has been prepared by BStU – Federal Commissioner for the Records of the State Security Service of the Former German Democratic Republic or the Gauck Institute - German equivalent of the IPN.

Description The exhibition presents images from the archives of the Stasi political police, which feature numerous examples of graffiti and leaflets with Poland supporting slogans, such as "Learn Polish", which appeared in East Germany at the turn of 1980 and 1981. The photographs are accompanied by excerpts from Stasi reports, documenting attitudes of the GDR citizens towards "Solidarity": respect, admiration and even envy. Although some of the evidence indicate anti-Polish prejudices, for most residents of East Germany the "Solidarity" carnival was hugely important – it brought hope for change, encouraged to political action and added courage. The exhibition shows various forms of demonstrating solidarity with Polish trade unionists and the role "Solidarity" has played in overthrowing the Communist regime.

Janusz Kurtyka IPN Educational Center
Marszałkowska 21/25, Warsaw
4-27 February 2014

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