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The world is watching. Foreign reactions to the pacification of the “Wujek” mine

During the pacification of the “Wujek” coal mine in Katowice, on December 16, 1981, six miners died from the bullets shot by officers of the special ZOMO unit. Three more died from bullet wounds. It was the bloodiest episode of the Martial Law.



Officially, the tragic, bloody pacification of the “Wujek” mine was

reported on a day later, on the Polish Radio, which informed about the number of mortal victims - seven at the time.

This bloody pacification sparked a lot of comments and reactions across the world. Already on 17 December 1981, on the Polish Radio of Radio Free Europe, journalist from this broadcaster, Janusz Marchwiński, said:

The worst happened. Eleven years after the infamous December of 1970, the authorities of the Polish People's Republic once again pointed rifles at the workers. They did not hesitate to give the deadly order. The information on the killing of seven miners of the "Wujek" mine is shocking

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