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The ceremony of unveiling a plaque commemorating Polish women - 45 prisoners of the KL Ravensbrück sub-camp- Neubrandenburg (Germany), 13 April 2019

On 13 April 2019, the ceremony of unveiling a plaque commemorating the 45 Polish prisoners of the KL Ravensbrück sub – camp will take place at 2 p.m. at the city cemetery in Neubrandenburg.







The ceremony will be attended by the authorities of the city of Neubrandenburg and the Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania region, representatives of the Consular Section of the Polish Embassy in Berlin and a delegation of employees of the IPN Office for Commemorating the Struggle and Martyrdom, headed by Anna Wicka.

Moreover, a group of young people, teachers and former prisoners of the camp are planned to attend the ceremony as part of an IPN educational project. The plaque was financed by the IPN Office for Commemorating the Struggle and Martyrdom.

The Consular Section of the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Berlin, based on the materials from the IPN Office for Commemorating the Struggle and Martyrdom and at the request a family member of one of the victims, has made attempts to commemorate the women - victims of German crimes, buried in a mass grave. Among the 97 women buried there, Polish women are among the most numerous group. The ashes (the bodies were cremated) of French, Italian, Belgian, Dutch, Russian and Ukrainian women are also located at this site.

In February 2018, the Office for Commemorating the Struggle and Martyrdom provided the German side with a list of verified names of the victims, basing on which a plaque with the names and nationalities of the victims and was prepared.

On 8 March 2018, representatives of the Institute of National Remembrance participated in the unveiling of the plaque commemorating the victims of the KL Ravensbrück sub-camp - Neubrandenburg, buried in a previously nameless grave.

Due to the fact that it may not be obvious to the local recipient that Slavic-sounding names point to Polish victims, the Office for Commemorating the Struggle and Martyrdom decided to finance an additional plaque informing in Polish and German about the Poles buried there as well as their number and circumstances in which they lost life.

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