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European Roma Holocaust Memorial Day celebrations in the former German Birkenau concentration camp.

The European Roma Holocaust Memorial Day was celebrated on 2 August 2019 in the so-called Gypsy camp (Zigeunerlager) of the former German concentration camp in Auschwitz-Birkenau.

The surviving prisoners of the camp, representatives of the highest authorities of the Republic of Poland and the European Commission, representatives of the Roma community from around the world, diplomats and numerous young people attended the event. The Institute of National Remembrance was represented by the Deputy President, Dr Mateusz Szpytma and the Director of the IPN Kraków Branch Office, Dr hab. Filip Musiał.

On 2 August 1944, at the time of the liquidation of the Gypsy camp by the Germans, the Roma tried to mount resistance, but their efforts were brutally suppressed. Three months earlier, as a result of a rebellion, the Roma managed to stop the perpetrators.

Approximately 23,000 Roma people were imprisoned in Auschwitz-Birkenau, out of which 21 thousand were murdered by the Germans.









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