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"The Baltic way - an action for freedom" exhibition at the IPN Educational Center, 20 July-26 August







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The Institute of National Remembrance would like to cordially send out its invitation to a meeting accompanying the exhibition "The Baltic way – an action for freedom" prepared by the National Archives of Latvia in cooperation with the Lithuanian Central State Archives and the National Archives of Estonia. The meeting will take place on 21 August 2019 (Wednesday) at 6 p.m. at IPN's Educational Center "Przystanek Historia" The exhibition created on the 30th anniversary of the "Baltic Freedom Chain" of 23 August 1989. It can be visited from 20 July to 26 August 2019 at the IPN's Educational Center.

As part of the celebrations of the centenary of the Latvian state, the National Archives of Latvia, the country's largest institution dealing with the preservation of historical heritage, has prepared an exhibition devoted to one of the most significant events in the 20th century history of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia - the "Baltic chain of freedom".

The exhibition portrays Lithuania's, Latvia's and Estonia's road to independence and sovereignty in 1988-1991. A peaceful protest known as the "Baltic chain" was the symbol of these efforts. On 23 August 1989, approximately two million people joined hands to form a human chain spanning across the three Baltic states - Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. The date of the event was not accidental - this day was the 50th anniversary of the Molotov- Ribbentrop Pact, which sentenced the Baltic States to half a century of slavery. In 1989, the inhabitants of these countries proved their unity and unwavering faith in the victory of the struggle for independence.

The exposition is in Lithuanian, Latvian and Estonian with English translation. The panels are accompanied by original audiovisual materials from 1989.

The exhibition can be seen until 26 August 2019 at the IPN's educational center "Przystanek Historia".

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