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## Day of the Polish Underground State - 27 September 2019

Dr Mateusz Szpytma, the Deputy President of the Institute of National Remembrance will attend the celebrations of the 80th anniversary of the establishment of the Polish Underground State organized by the authorities of the city of Warsaw, the World Association of Home Army Soldiers and the Grey Ranks Association.



















The main ceremony will take place at 2:00 p.m. at the monument of

the Polish Underground State and Home Army on the corner of Wiejska and Matejki street. It will include speeches, an ecumenical prayer and the laying of wreaths.

Half an hour earlier, at 1:30 p.m. flowers will be laid at the monument dedicated to General Stefan Rowecki "Grot" on the corner of Chopin str. and Al. Ujazdowskie.

On 27 September 1939, in Warsaw, besieged by the Germans, General Michał Tokarzewski-Karaszewicz, together with a group of Polish Army officers, created the Service for Poland's Victory - a conspiracy military organization to continue the fight against both occupiers. On 4 December 1939, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland in exile, General Władysław Sikorski, established the Union of Armed Struggle - ZWZ. On 14 February 1942, General Sikorski transformed ZWZ into the Home Army.



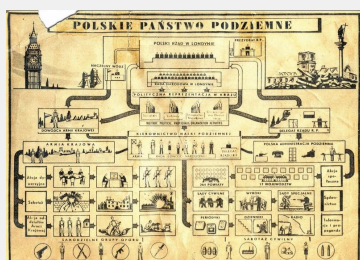


The most important goal of the Home Army was to fight against Germany and to prepare personnel and form military units to start an uprising against the occupier. It was a truly global phenomenon. Its clandestine military and civilian structures reporting to the Polish



government-in-exile had no parallel in any other country.

27 September is celebrated as the Day of the Polish Underground State (Resolution of the Polish Sejm of 11 September 1998).



**We would like to recommend the latest educational game of the Institute of National Remembrance - the "Polish Underground State"**







The "Polish Underground State" is an educational game the main intention of which is to present the wide spectrum of activities of the Polish Underground State by displaying the portraits and biographies of people who were actively involved in underground activity within the structures of the Polish Underground State - presenting not only its military activities, but also emphasizing the role of civil administration. The game consists of several variants which can be freely modified and adapted to suit the age of the players. The brochure, attached to the game, includes a historical essay devoted to the Polish Underground State and biographies of its members.

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