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## A meeting with Dr Aleksander Gurjanow at the IPN's History Point Educational Center in Warsaw, 23 October 2019









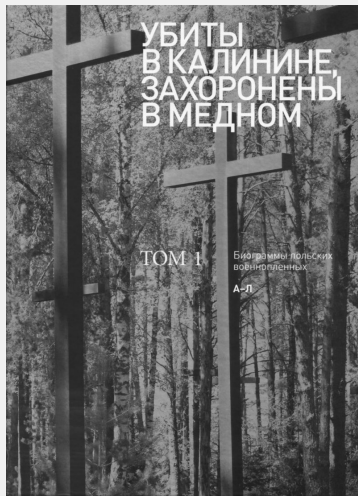






A meeting with Aleksander Gurjanow, a researcher in the field of Soviet repression against Poles, a member of the "Memorial" Association, editor and co-author of Russian books of remembrance published by the "Memorial" Association in Moscow containing biographies of Polish prisoners of war from NKVD camps in Kozelsk and Ostashkov - *Ubity w Katyni* [Killed in Katyn], *Ubity w Kalininie, zachoronieny w Miednom* [Killed in Kalinin, buried in Mednoye]. Yesterday's meeting was devoted to the latter, his latest publication.

*Killed in Kalinin, buried in Mednoye. A book of remembrance of Polish prisoners of war - prisoners of the NKVD USSR Ostashkov camp, shot dead by decision of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union of 5 March 1940, edited by Aleksander Gurjanow.*



The three-volume publication in Russian, published by the "Memorial" Association in Moscow, refers to the title of the previous book, published by this non-governmental organization in 2015: *Killed in Katyn. Book of remembrance of Polish prisoners of war - prisoners of the NKVD Kozial camp, shot by the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union of 5 March 1940*. Aleksander Gurjanow prepared a publication containing biographies and photos of 6,287 prisoners of the Ostashkov camp who in the spring of 1940 were murdered in the NKVD prison in Kalinin (now Tver) and secretly placed in pits in nearby Mednoye. The publication also contains information about 8 prisoners presumably murdered as part of this crime and 45 who died in the camp. By referring to sources, including NKVD documents, the "Memorial" researchers managed to complete some of the biographies included in the Cemetery Book of



the War Cemetery in Mednoye, published in 2006 by the Council for the Remembrance of Struggle and Martyrdom. Thanks to Aleksander Gurjanow's research and his cooperation with researchers from Russia and Poland, it was possible to establish the dates and places of the internment of POWs in Soviet captivity, as well as their executions in Kalinin. Such information is undoubtedly of great importance for the families of the victims.

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