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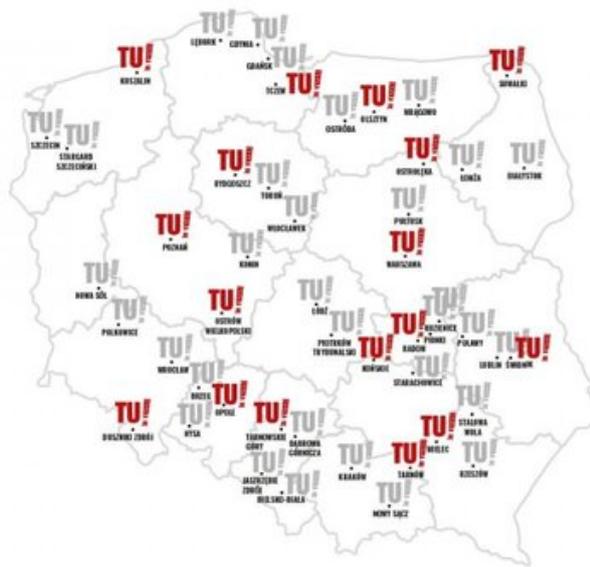
"This is where 'Solidarity' was born" exhibition in Warsaw

The "This is where 'Solidarity' was born" exhibition commemorating the 40th anniversary of the founding of "Solidarity" will have its official opening in Warsaw's Piłsudski Square on 28 August 2020 at noon.

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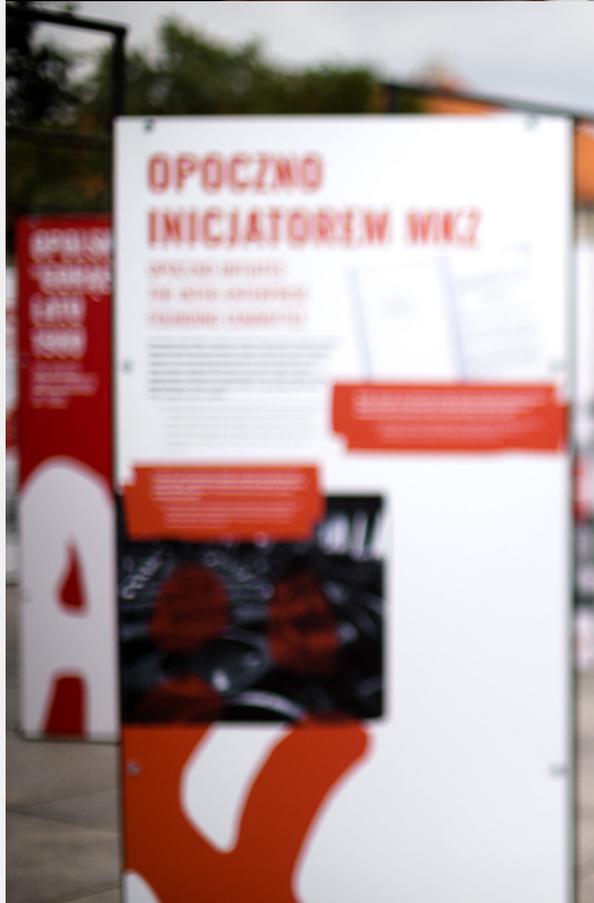


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OGNISK STRAJKOWYCH

QUELLING PROTEST OUTBREAKS

Pierwszym łódzkim zakładem, który podjął strajk w sierpniu 1980 r., były Zakłady Przemysłu Bawełnianego im. Obrońców Pokoju („Uniontex”).
Fot. Tomasz Liszpadzki (PAP)

[EN] The first Łódź plant to go on strike in August 1980 was the “Uniontex” Defenders of Peace Cotton Industry Plant, (photo Tomasz Liszpadzki, PAP)

W pierwszej połowie sierpnia 1980 r. w Łodzi. Wydarzenia te doprowadziły do kolejnych ognisk strajkowych, które starały się gasić realizacja polityki naprzeciwko. Taka polityka naprzeciwko do 3 dni. W tym czasie między strajkującymi pracownikami...

[EN] In the first half of August 1980, in Łódź. The events resulted in a chain of subsequent strikes, which were tried to suppress at any cost by the implementation of a policy towards them. Such a policy towards them lasted for 3 days. In this time, between the striking workers...

Pracownicy Fabryki Wyróbów Rzemiosła i Metalurgii strajki w lipcu, sierpniu i wrześniu 1980 r. (Krzysztof Bronowski)

[EN] Workers from the “Metal” Foundry strike in July, August and September 1980 (Krzysztof Bronowski)





The exhibition has received the National Patronage of the President of

the Republic of Poland Andrzej Duda to mark the Centenary of Regaining Independence.

The opening of the exhibition will be accompanied by the ceremony of awarding state decorations - Crosses of Freedom and Solidarity - to distinguished activists of the anti-communist opposition in the years 1956–1989. On behalf of President Andrzej Duda, the decorations will be presented by the President of the Institute of National Remembrance, Jarosław Szarek Ph.D.

The celebration of the 40th anniversary of the founding of "Solidarity" was inaugurated by the Institute of National Remembrance on 1 July 2020 in Mielec. On 1-2 July 1980, the Polish Aviation Works (WSK-PZL) in Mielec were one of the first factories to begin a solidary social rebellion against the communist authorities in Poland, organizing the first of the large-scale workers' demonstrations in the summer of 1980.

This unique exhibition, consisting of the main exhibition and its branch counterparts, gives a detailed account of the nationwide mass strikes taking place in Poland in July, August and September 1980, and the emergence of "Solidarity" in almost every corner of our country.

The 255 boards, 510 photos and documents probably constitute the largest exhibition on the subject so far. The texts on the exhibition panels are both in Polish and English.

The towns and cities where the exhibitions are and will be presented (53 locations) will subsequently form the 'White and Red Trail: "This is where "Solidarity" was born" all over Poland. The routes of all regional exhibitions will converge on 28 August 2020 during the opening of the

exhibition in Warsaw. Millions of people, who very often have remained anonymous, participated in the great victory of Polish "Solidarity". It is by means of this exhibition that we would like to pay tribute to them.

On a global scale, the founding of "Solidarity" was one of the most significant events of the end of the 20th century.

In August 1980, on the outskirts of the communist Soviet empire, a great, peaceful movement was born. It was soon joined by almost one in three Poles! With its 10 million formal members, "Solidarity" became the largest trade union in the world.

In 1980, Polish "Solidarity" gave rise to the collapse of the Soviet empire and satellite communist states on four continents. The world shaped by the Cold War after 1945 was rebuilt. The effect was the liberation of many countries from Soviet influence or occupation. Thanks to the breakthrough initiated by "Solidarity", it was also possible to unite Germany. Polish "Solidarity" symbolizes the triumph of peaceful spiritual strength over the materialistic communist empire of evil.



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