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Tribute to the Victims of the Ukrainian Nationalists - Ostrówki, August 30, 2013

On Friday, August 30th a ceremony dedicated to the memory of Poles murdered 70 years ago by the Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA) in Ostrówki and Wola Ostrowiecka villages. The ceremony was attended by Łukasz Kamiński, IPN President, Beata Brzywczy, Consul General of Poland in Lutsk and representatives of Ukrainian authorities. President of the Institute of National Remembrance in his closing speech noted that this year's celebration of the anniversary of the Volyn Massacre was accompanied by the three words: truth, memory and reconciliation. He emphasized that all three values constitute a challenge and therefore require effort from all of us.

On the 30th of August 1943 UPA murdered in Ostrówkach and Wolal Ostrowiecka approximately 1050 civilians, and then burned all the buildings. Exhumation work had been carried out in the area a few years ago. Today one can visit cemetery and a monument dedicated to the victims. Dr. Leon Popek, working at the IPN Lublin Branch Office, estimates that, out of approximately two thousand villages in Volhynia,

where Poles were killed en masse, no more than 150 of them were subject to commemoration of any kind.

For more information on the subject of Volhynia Massacre go to:<http://www.volhyniamassacre.eu>

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