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The 75th anniversary of the death of Danuta Siedzikówna and Feliks Selmanowicz

















75 years ago, Polish heroes - Danuta Siedzikówna, codename "Inka",

and Feliks Selmanowicz, codename "Zagończyk" - sentenced to death by a communist court, were executed and buried in an unmarked grave in Gdańsk. Decades later, the IPN's Office of Search and Identification located their remains, and 5 years ago, they were given a state burial. Today, both were commemorated by the IPN's President Karol Nawrocki.

The Institute's head first opened a biographical exhibit devoted to "Inka" outside the St. Mary's Church in Gdańsk, and then prayed for Siedzikówna and Selmanowicz at their graves at the local military cemetery. After that, Mr. Nawrocki laid flowers at the memorial plaque on the wall of former prison in Kurkowa Street, which commemorates all victims of communist crimes committed there, and at "Inka" monument in the Gdańsk district of Orunia.

At the cemetery, where the most important part of the commemoration took place, Karol Nawrocki said,

“At 6.15 a.m. on 28 August 1946, Danuta Siedzikówna and Feliks Selmanowicz looked with contempt into the rifle barrels of the firing squad; their last words were not a plea for mercy, but reflected what had been in their hearts all their lives. They shouted, ‘Long live Poland!’”

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