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The IPN Deputy President Krzysztof Szwagrzyk, Ph.D., D.Sc. meets Bakhrom Babaev, the Ambassador of Uzbekistan to Poland.

The meeting at the headquarters of the Institute of National Remembrance in Warsaw was organized to discuss possible cooperation. The IPN's statutory task is to search for traces of people who lost their lives during World War II. The participants of the meeting agreed that finding remains of missing persons is a duty both to families looking for relatives and to History. This concerns both Poles in Uzbekistan and Uzbeks in Poland. The IPN is particularly interested in the search for the remains of civilians who joined the emerging "Anders Army" (Polish Armed Forces in the USSR).









The Deputy President of the Institute of National Remembrance, Krzysztof Szwagrzyk informed Ambassador Bakhrom Babaev that the historians of the IPN had identified the details of some of the deceased resting in burial places in Karakol, Kegen, Nawoi, Olmazor III and Dekhonabad. Therefore a trip of the IPN's Office of Search and Identification delegation to Uzbekistan has been planned. The Uzbek party declared that it would provide assistance in the implementation of the office's tasks. The planned trip is supposed to initiate a sound research for archival documents as well as searching for resting sites. The final step would be a solemn burial of Poles who, as a result of the war, never returned to their homes.

The meeting was attended by:

- Bakhrom Babaev, Ambassador of Uzbekistan to Poland

- Sardor Ahmatov, Secretary of the Uzbek Embassy in Poland
- Krzysztof Szwagrzyk, Ph.D., D.Sc., IPN's Director of Search and Identification Office
- Anna Szeląg, Deputy Director of IPN's Search and Identification Office
- Andrzej Cisek, Deputy Director of IPN's Search and Identification Office
- Sylwia Kurzyp, Head of the IPN's Department of Historical Analyzes
- Ewa Kowalska, Ph.D., Specialist of IPN's Search and Identification Office

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