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Uzbek media representatives visit the IPN

On 18 July 2022, the Institute of National Remembrance was visited by a four-person delegation from Uzbekistan State Radio and Television. The visit was organized by the IPN Office of International Cooperation, Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Tashkent and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.













The visitors are currently working on a documentary about Poland, which will also address the mission and work of the Institute of National Remembrance. Director of the International Cooperation Office Agnieszka Jędrzak briefed the Uzbek media representatives on the Institute's organizational structure and its main divisions' scope of operation. Furthermore, she talked about the fields on which the IPN is active internationally, including the "Trails of Hope. The Odyssey of Freedom" project. The aim of this multi-dimensional, educational and commemorative initiative, which covers three continents, is to promote in the world the determination and contribution of Polish soldiers to the fight for a Europe free from totalitarian regimes.

Magdalena Hajduk, director of the New Technology Division, demonstrated "The Cyphers Game" project, recently put on the list of

recommended teaching resources by the Ministry of Education. She explained how the challenge of getting the young people interested in history can be addressed with virtual reality they are used to so much.

Magdalena Mołczanowska of the IPN Archive outlined the structure, resources collected, as well as programs carried out by her department, and explained how these resources are made available to researchers, media or people looking for missing relatives. The visitors were interested in broadcasting some of the IPN's video materials on public TV, and mentioned that the Uzbek state archives are preparing to make their resources available online, a project in which they might want to draw on the IPN's experience. Interesting proposals of joint educational workshops on shared remembrance sites were made; what is more, possibilities of creating memory trails, commemorating Polish-Uzbek relations, and a museum devoted to Polish heroes who perished on Uzbek soil were discussed.

Then, Head of the Office for Commemoration of Struggle and Martyrdom Adam Siwek took the visitors to the Red Army soldiers mausoleum and cemetery in Żwirki and Wigury Street in Warsaw, where Uzbek servicemen are also buried. The purpose of that item on the agenda was to demonstrate how much the Polish State cares about the graves of war casualties. Director Siwek told the history of the place, and explained that the role of the IPN in the decommunization of the public space requires removing of relics of totalitarian systems, while respecting the resting place of soldiers fallen on the battlefield.

The study visit of the Uzbek journalists will last until 23 July and include the trips to, among others, Gdańsk and Kraków. The guests are also working on opening new research opportunities regarding the Polish presence in Uzbekistan, especially where it's related to the formation of General Anders' Army.

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