

What the sacrifice of the officers really meant

The trip made me understand what the sacrifice of the officers and of the Polish intelligentsia really meant. Such a tremendous crime cannot be forgotten, especially by us, the Polish nation. In my mind I will always keep the picture of all the plates with the names of the fallen who laid down their lives for free and independent Poland.

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We speak about tremendous crime.

We speak about tremendous crime. We speak about finding the guilty. We erect huge monuments to commemorate those 4000 murdered that should never be forgotten. In spite of it all, only few of us know what really had happened there. If we do not keep it in memory, how can we make other nations remember?

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Katyn – I still cannot realize I was there; in the place of such an appalling crime, the place where, years ago, human feelings had so much been forgotten. For me it was like the genocide in Auschwitz, even though the concentration camp with the display cases full of the victims' hair, bowls and clothes, much stronger influences our imagination and mind.

Both places became immortalized in our history. In Katyń I got extremely impressed by the bell whose toll we could hear during our stay. We all could feel spiritual link with the exterminated people. The message we brought from the trip is the hope that memory of those victims will never die. Our duty is to hand the truth about Katyń down from generation to generation and to make this knowledge a guarantee that such crime will never happen again in the future.

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