



**Statement on July 10 Antisemitic Incident in the Town of Jedwabne, Poland
July 12, 2025**

During an event to mark the 84th anniversary of the Jedwabne massacre, several hundred supporters of far-right movements disrupted the ceremony at the site commemorating the murdered Jews. Antisemitic slogans falsifying history were chanted. A few days earlier, stones inscribed with slogans denying — contrary to facts confirmed by the Institute of National Remembrance — the participation of Poles in the murder of the Jews of Jedwabne in the summer of 1941 were placed near the memorial site. The ceremony was also disrupted by Member of the European Parliament Grzegorz Braun, who on the same day, during an appearance on Radio Wnet, referred to the gas chambers in the former German Nazi camp Auschwitz-Birkenau as a “fake.”

We strongly protest against such behavior in public. These actions especially deserve to be condemned when aimed at building political capital. There must be no place in Poland for hatred based on ethnicity or religion, or for using antisemitic stereotypes and lies as a political tool. Denying the existence of gas chambers is a form of Holocaust denial, which is a criminal offense.

We call on the relevant institutions of the Polish state to take appropriate legal action. We also call on all people of goodwill to express their opposition to antisemitic words and deeds, as well as to all other forms of xenophobia and racism.

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