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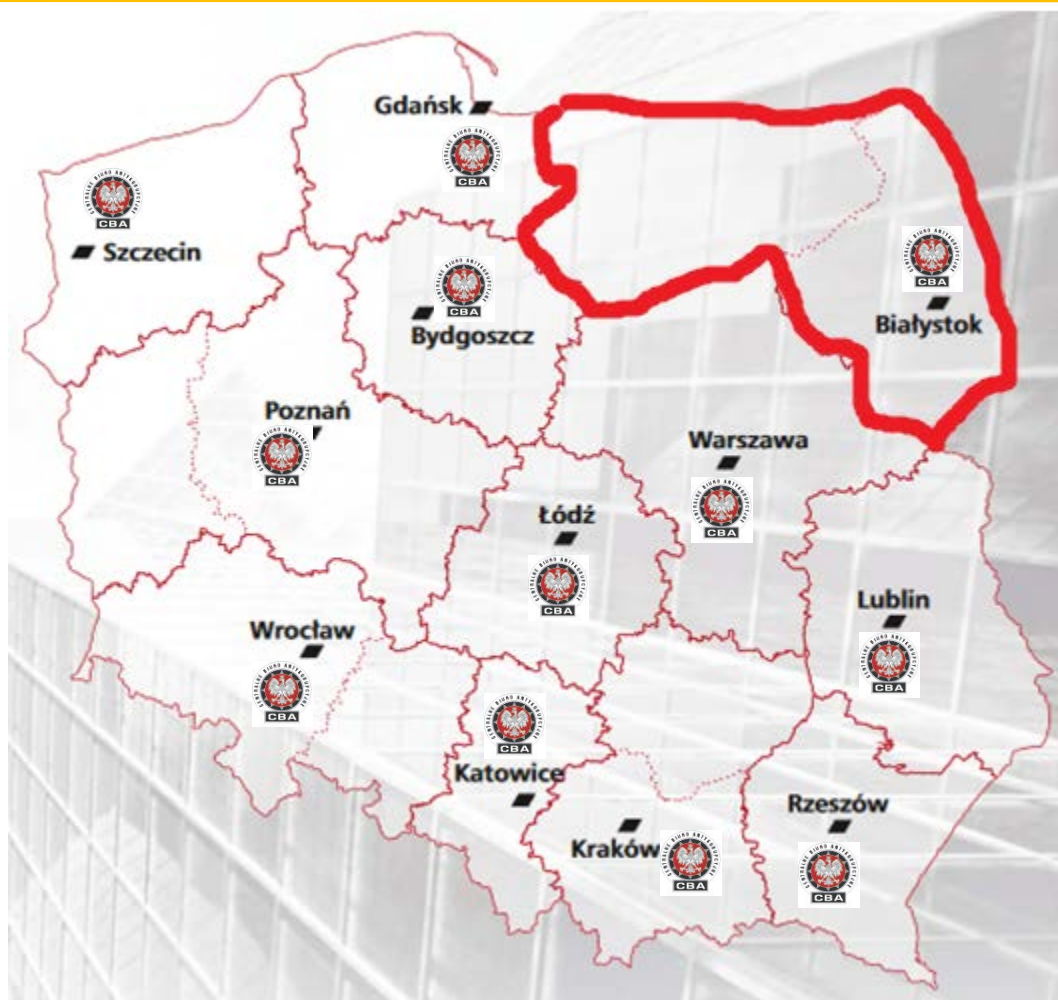
The Central Anti-Corruption Bureau is a **special service**, established in 2006 to combat corruption in public and economic life, particularly in public and local government institutions as well as to fight against activities detrimental to the State's economic interest.

CBA conducts its activities under the Act of 9 June 2006 on the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau.

The Head of the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau is a central authority of the government administration, supervised by the Prime Minister.



Regional Offices of the CBA



Case No. PO VII WZ Ds.27.2016, RSD 4/17/BI

Operations and Investigations
Division of the Regional Office
of the CBA in Białystok



District Prosecutor's Office
in Warsaw



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Basic information:

The criminal investigation was open as a result of operational activities conducted by the CBA. The person / Consul of the Republic of Poland in Minsk whom the corruption proposal was submitted came to the CBA.

Main suspect: Polish citizen, businessman, permanent residence Belarus.

Source of information: HUMINT.

Description: Investigation was initiated regarding the promise to pay a bribe to the Consul of the Republic of Poland in Minsk in connection with his public function. Bribes were given in return for help in obtaining permits legalizing the stay of Belarusian citizens on the territory of the Poland and for assistance in obtaining Polish citizenship and the Pole's Card.



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Amounts of bribes: several thousand USD and a promise of a bribe for transporting to Poland without a declaration about 1–2 million USD (bribe in this situation 5% of the amount).

Evidence from operational case:

- Surveillance, operational control of telephone calls and data transmission via telecommunication networks.
- wiretapping, operational control of correspondence and data sent via teleinformatic networks and electronic communicators.
- OSINT, HUMINT, FININT.
- Special operation – “red-handed”.

Evidence from criminal investigation: witness testimony, documents analysis, analysis of the contents of electronic data devices, mobile phones, e-mail box



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Action day:

Main suspect was detention in polish-belarus border, when he drive a car.

Criminal charges: criminal charges for paying a bribe to a person holding a public office – Article 229 of the Penal Code.

Court proceedings: On April 30, 2020, the District Prosecutor's Office in Warsaw sent the indictment to the District Court in Warsaw. At the moment, there is no information about the outcome of the court case.

Information on the duration of the criminal investigation: The investigation was initiated on April 4, 2019. It was completed on April 30, 2020.



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Basic information:

The criminal investigation was open as a result of operational activities conducted by the CBA with cooperation with the National Tax Administration.

Main suspect: officials, an employee of the tax administration.

Source of information: interrogation of a suspect and witness.

Description: The criminal investigation showed that the suspects based on only 3 (three) false invoices for the amount of over PLN 500 million PLN (more than EUR 120 million EUR) for over 180,000 mobile phones, wanted to extort VAT for over about 100 million PLN (more than EUR 25 million EUR). The scheme of operation was extremely simple because one of the people cooperating with the criminal group was to be an employee of the tax administration, who was to legalize the criminal activities of the group for bribes.



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Evidence from criminal investigation:

- witness testimony,
- documents analysis,
- analysis of the contents of electronic data devices, mobile phones, e-mail box,
- search of the suspect's apartment and other locations,
- confrontation of suspects.

Criminal analysis

analysis of personal connections,
financial flows,
telecommunication data.

Results: lack of evidence, no evidence to present the charges.



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Action day:

During the investigation, individual members of the group were arrested.

Criminal charges: number of suspects 26, number of charges 97 e.g.:

Article 258 penal code: participates in an organized criminal group / Article 299 penal code: money laundry / Article 271 penal code: document forgery and charges form fiscal penal code.

Court proceedings: Criminal investigation is on-going / expected completion date 1st quarter 2022.

Information on the duration of the criminal investigation: The investigation was initiated on April 18 2017, case is still on-going.





Thank you

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