

Ladies and Gentlemen!

The substantive scope and selection of authors for the 29th issue of the Internal Security Review is the result of a new programme line, according to which the Editors would like to maximise the topics covered in the journal. Our aim is to go beyond the issues of narrowly conceived security sciences and to take a multifaceted look at current events and processes in the field of interest of special services.

In the latest issue, we offer you articles on the methodology of hybrid operations. Particular emphasis is placed on the threats posed by the hybrid policy of the Russian Federation, which uses this tool to achieve its geopolitical goals due to its unfavourable asymmetry in economic and military potential in relation to the West.

We also present an analysis of the spy scandal in Ukraine, demonstrating the effectiveness of so-called active counterintelligence, allowing the Russians to infiltrate the leadership of the Security Service of Ukraine and influence the SBU. Also noteworthy is an article describing an anomaly in the activities of the special service of one of the Baltic states. It has not detected a single 'mole' in its ranks, despite the existence of a strong Russian minority in the country and the fact that the Russians have managed to infiltrate the services of all countries they consider hostile.

In addition, we encourage you to read two articles on historical topics. One discusses the intelligence on German chemical weapons conducted by the Second Department of Polish General Staff, while the other, on the example of the assassination of President Narutowicz, addresses the problem of the criminal law protection of the President of the Republic of Poland. So far, no extreme forms of action by terrorist organisations have been recorded in the Third Republic. However, there have been several political assassinations carried out by so-called 'lone wolves', so this text should become a contribution

to in-depth analysis. Especially with the current extremely high level of social polarisation, which is known to be a trigger for acts of violence that are also an ideological message. These are often carried out by so-called 'lone actors' who, according to analysts, are slowly displacing traditional hierarchical political terrorism.

I would like to express the hope that the 29th issue of the Internal Security Review will raise your interest and encourage your cooperation. It is thanks to the submitted articles and comments that our magazine becomes a forum for the exchange of ideas between representatives of special services and academic circles.

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