

Ladies and Gentlemen!

Internal security is an interdisciplinary field. We strive to demonstrate this in the next, 33rd issue of the 'Internal Security Review', which covers topics from various fields, reflecting their interdependencies and connections in this sphere.

Professor of the University of Wrocław Piotr K. Marszałek and Marcin Adamczyk, PhD, undertook to systematise knowledge concerning food safety in theoretical and legal terms. This required analysing the risks in this area, identifying the most important food quality and safety management systems, and the institutions responsible for supervision. The article is part of a series of publications aimed at providing a broad theoretical reflection on the issue of food security in its various aspects.

The article by Jacek Pietraszewski, PhD, discusses the impact of emergency medical services and cooperating entities on public safety, using chemical rescue as an example. The author describes the functioning of entities conducting rescue operations in the event of chemical hazards and points out gaps in this area. He emphasises the legitimacy of specialised rescue units and the need for continuous staff training. A lack of an adequate and rapid response may lead to a crisis situation. The recommendations presented in the article have the potential to contribute to the improvement of activities in the area of chemical rescue.

The issue of public safety is also addressed in the book by Jerzy Trocha, PhD, entitled *Paradygmat bezpieczeństwa dworców kolejowych* (Eng. Paradigm of railway station security), which focuses on passenger safety and railway transport infrastructure. Familiarity with this publication can help in understanding the risks and implementing effective protection and safety management strategies

at railway stations, as pointed out by Ewa Jakubiak, PhD, the author of the review of this book. I encourage you to read it.

Rail transport is not the only area requiring increased vigilance on the part of the authorities. Maritime transport is another such area. In an interview with LCdr. (Ret.) Sebastian Kalitowski, a security expert, we discuss issues related to drug smuggling. The problem is serious, as a large proportion of narcotics reach Europe on board merchant ships and yachts. It is also worth reading the interview with the Commander, which appeared in the previous issue of the 'Internal Security Review' and aroused great interest. The focus of this conversation was the hybrid activities of the Russian Federation in the Baltic Sea.

One dimension of security is personal security. In his article, Jakub Grelewicz touches upon a niche but important area, namely the sense of human security in the context of selected phenomena of sexual psychopathology. In conclusion, the author points to the need for comprehensive solutions combining education, prevention, victim support and offender rehabilitation, as well as the need for international cooperation on cross-border phenomena such as sex tourism and human trafficking.

In this issue, we also address topics related to technological security. In recent decades, Europe has been gradually marginalised, as evidenced by, among other things, its dependence on imports of technologically advanced microchips from the United States and Taiwan. This inspired Marceł Hązła to examine the issue of quantum technology and its most important implications in the context of technological sovereignty of the European Union. The author points out that access to quantum technology will be crucial in the field of cybersecurity in the coming years.

Maciej A. Kędzierski, PhD, writes about security in the context of counteracting money laundering and terrorist financing in financial institutions. The author approaches this topic from the perspective of the use of behavioural analysis in obligated institutions. He argues that, due to the need to analyse risk and select financial security measures, it is essential to recognise customer behaviour, taking behavioural factors into account.

Problems in counteracting propaganda and disinformation online demonstrate the need to strengthen educational activities, including those within school education. Teachers are, of course,

a key group for carrying out these tasks. Professor of the Andrzej Frycz Modrzewski Kraków University, Marcin Lasoń assessed a selected aspect of state policy towards this professional group and its importance for ensuring educational security in Poland in the third decade of the 21st century.

The theme of information security also appears in the article by Piotr Kosmaty, PhD. The author, who is a lawyer, discusses the crime of intelligence disinformation as defined in the purview of Art. 132 of the Criminal Code, and its importance for ensuring both internal and external security of the Republic of Poland. This is an important voice, because intelligence disinformation affects the security of the state, its stability and its image on the international stage. After all, the results of the work of the intelligence are one of the fundamental elements preceding decisions concerning national security.

Analysis of available data indicates the increasing effectiveness of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's offensive actions in the cyberspace. Sebastian Jeż writes about cybercrime as one of the most important sources of budget revenue and a method of adapting of the DPRK to functioning under international sanctions. The author emphasises that the scale of the funds obtained in this way should not be underestimated, especially in the context of the growing likelihood that they are being used to finance arms programmes.

International security was the subject of a scientific conference in the series 'The security of Central and Eastern European countries in light of changes in the global security environment at the beginning of the 21st century', organised by the Institute of National Security and Sociology Pomeranian University in Słupsk. The experts discussed primarily the consequences of the war in Ukraine, but also the threats posed by the situation in the Middle East and illegal migration. We publish an interview with Professor Andrzej Urbanek, the chairman of the Scientific Committee of the conference, in which he talks not only about the idea behind this project, but also about the activities undertaken by the Pomeranian University for the development of security sciences and the training of staff for security systems.

The year 2025 is a special time for female police officers. Women have been serving in this force for 100 years. On this occasion, we are publishing in the 'Internal Security Review' an interview with Police Gen. (Ret.) Irena Doroszkiewicz, PhD, the first woman in the Police (and in uniformed services) to hold the rank of general. It is worth

knowing how important a contribution female police officers have made and continue to make to maintaining law and order in Poland. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their service and wish them much satisfaction as well as inspiring professional challenges.

I would also like to express my gratitude to the authors, reviewers, members of the Academic Editorial Board and the entire editorial team. The next issue of the 'Internal Security Review' is published thanks to their commitment and cooperation. Good cooperation is the strength of alliances. In a broader sense, it is the foundation of our security.

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