

## **Ladies and Gentlemen!**

On 26 April 2022, the inauguration ceremony of the new scientific periodical “Terrorism - studies, analyses, prevention” (T-SAP) took place at the Central Training and Education Facility of Internal Security Agency. It was attended by representatives of analytical centres (Polish Institute of International Affairs, Centre for Eastern Studies, Western Institute), academia, state administration and uniformed services forming the anti-terrorist system of the Republic of Poland.

The meeting was opened by the Head of the Internal Security Agency, Colonel Krzysztof Waclawek, who spoke about the new publishing initiative of the Internal Security Agency. After the speakers’ speeches, the participants were asked to take part in an anonymous survey. Its purpose was to obtain answers to questions on the perception of the phenomenon of terrorism and to identify the most likely directions of development of terrorist threats in the Republic of Poland. Such a survey was conducted in Poland for the first time and its results, are included in this issue of the periodical.

We plan to carry out surveys on a regular basis. We hope that the data obtained in this way will provide substantive support in the discussion on the directions and variants of the development of the anti-terrorist system in the Republic of Poland and in the construction of international initiatives in this field. Such authorial projects of a research and scientific character will therefore be constantly present in the pages of T-SAP, so that the scientific journal of the Internal Security Agency can fulfil its mission of strengthening cooperation between various communities involved in activities for anti-terrorist protection.

In the second issue of the periodical, you will find articles devoted to, among other things: the tasks of legal protection authorities in combating terrorism in Poland, the role of alert levels in the anti-terrorist system, the financing of terrorism in a historical perspective, possible scenarios for the development of terrorist threats in the context of the war in

Ukraine, as well as a case study of the perpetrator of the terrorist attacks on the Norwegian island of Utøya. It also includes a review of Tomasz Aleksandrowicz's newly published book on methods of forecasting terrorist threats.

Inviting you to read the second issue of the journal "Terrorism - studies, analyses, prevention", I hope that the materials presented in its pages will meet with your interest and will be an important contribution to the public discussion on building the resilience of the Polish society to terrorist threats.

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