

Ladies and Gentlemen!

Supporting the process of building resilience to terrorist attacks and sabotage activities is now a priority task for NATO members exposed to hybrid threats from countries hostile to the idea of a Euro-Atlantic security system. Today, the physical security of strategic facilities, critical infrastructure, government offices, headquarters of international institutions and public spaces is at the top of the new EU anti-terrorism agenda and has a strong influence on the shape of legislation to strengthen the internal security of EU Member States. In the 3rd issue of *Terrorism - Studies, Analysis, Prevention (T-SAP)*, we publish a comprehensive article on what hard security design looks like in these types of facilities, what modern technical solutions are used for this purpose and how the immediate environment of protected facilities can be shaped to protect them from the effects of terrorist attacks using explosives or cars as battering rams.

In addition, in the issue you will find articles on the legal aspects of the hijacking of a Polish plane in Belarus (flight no. FR 4978) in May 2021, the legal perspective of securing special conferences, events, celebrations and other events from terrorist activity, the correlation between psychoactive substance abuse and the process of radicalisation to terrorism, the determinants of the secret relations of the Soviet bloc secret services with international terrorists during the Cold War, as well as the second part of the case study of the perpetrator of the terrorist attacks on the Norwegian island of Utøya. I also encourage you to read a review of a recent book by Gilles Kepel, a French political scientist and expert on Islam, in which he analyses the processes currently taking place in

the Middle East and North Africa, also showing the changes that are taking place within the phenomenon of terrorism.

Inviting you to read on, I hope that the materials herein will become the subject of further analysis and discussion at each of the three levels of the counter-terrorism system of the Republic of Poland, in the EU working groups on building the resilience of EU countries to terrorist attacks and sabotage activities, as well as providing a starting point for many new scientific initiatives.

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