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## Corruption charges against former Director of the Chancellery of the Prime Minister.

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Further CBA arrests in the investigation into irregularities in RARS. One of the arrested is the former Director of the Chancellery of the Prime Minister. The investigation is being conducted by the Silesian Branch of the Department for Organized Crime and Corruption of the National Prosecutor's Office in Katowice.

Officers of the CBA Branch Office in Rzeszów detained three people in Warsaw on 29<sup>th</sup> January this year as part of an investigation into irregularities in the Governmental Strategic Reserves Agency (RARS). Among those detained is the former Director of the Chancellery of the Prime Minister, who, acting as a public official, allegedly requested and then accepted a financial benefit of great value. In return, she would influence the purchasing procedure conducted by RARS and favor offers submitted by business entities associated with Paweł Sz.

The husband of the detained woman, who was charged by the prosecutor with aiding and abetting, was also involved in the procedure, as was the entrepreneur who claimed influence in public institutions and demanded financial benefits. The arrests were made at the request of the prosecutor from the Silesian Branch of the Department for Organized Crime and Corruption of the National Prosecutor's Office in Katowice.

### Preventive measures

At the request of the prosecutor, the Court imposed temporary detention for a period of 3 months on the detained woman and the entrepreneur, and temporary conditional detention on the second detained man.

## Further arrests

This is the fifth case in the ongoing preparatory proceedings concerning irregularities in RARS. Until now, the prosecutor has brought a total of 27 charges against 11 people. The charges include, among others, participation in an organized criminal group, exceeding authority and failure to fulfill duties by RARS employees during the organization and implementation of the purchase of goods, and acting to the detriment of the public interest in order to gain financial benefits, money laundering and claiming influence in a public institution.

The case is ongoing and further implementations are planned.

## CBA appeal

The CBA reminds that persons who have been entangled in corruption and have provided financial benefits have the opportunity to benefit from the so-called non-punishment clause, specified in Article 229 § 6 of the Penal Code, which states:

*The perpetrator of the offence specified in § 1-5 shall not be subject to punishment if a financial or personal benefit or its promise has been accepted by a person performing a public function, and the perpetrator has notified an authority established for the prosecution of offences and disclosed all relevant circumstances of the offence before the authority became aware of it.*

CBA appeals for more people who are witnesses in the case to report to the CBA Branch Office in Rzeszów.

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