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Further Arrests in a Tax Fraud Investigation

Officers of the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau arrested five women conducting business activity in connection with an investigation into the operations of an organised criminal group involved in issuing and distributing unreliable VAT invoices. The proceedings are supervised by the District Prosecutor's Office in Warsaw.

On 19 February 2026, in the Mazowieckie, Pomorskie and Śląskie provinces, five women operating businesses, including in the transport sector as well as recruitment, call centre and related services, were arrested. Findings from the preparatory proceedings indicate that the detained women used VAT invoices that did not reflect genuine economic transactions.

Multi-threaded Investigation and Significant Losses to the State Budget

The principal focus of the investigation conducted by officers of the Regional Office of the CBA in Warsaw concerns the activities of an organised criminal group engaged in issuing and distributing unreliable invoices. The unreliable VAT invoices were used by entrepreneurs in VAT settlements reported in VAT-7 tax returns and JPK_VAT files in order to unlawfully reduce tax liabilities. The group operated between 2019 and 2023 across several provinces. The criminal scheme is believed to have exposed the State Treasury to losses in VAT amounting to at least PLN 35 million.

Preventive Measures Applied

The detainees were brought to the District Prosecutor's Office in Warsaw, where they were charged with the use of unreliable VAT invoices.

The prosecutor applied preventive measures against the suspects in the form of a bail

in the total amount of PLN 50,000, police supervision, a ban on contact with specific individuals, and a ban on leaving the country combined with the confiscation of their passports.

Investigation Ongoing

This marks the 18th procedural operation carried out within the preparatory proceedings concerning tax evasion and providing false information in VAT declarations.

To date, charges have been brought against 82 individuals in the course of the investigation. The case is multi-threaded. Further procedural operations are planned, along with the successive filing of indictments by the prosecutor's office.

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