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## 43 detainees on the CBA's counter in re dealers of fictitious invoices. Tens of millions of losses to the State Treasury.

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11 more people involved in trading fictitious VAT invoices detained by the CBA officers from Łódź. Just in this investigation, the CBA has already detained 32 people. The losses of the Treasury due to their activities amount tens of millions PLN.

The Regional Office of the Central Anticorruption Bureau in Łódź, under the supervision of the Warsaw District Prosecutor's Office, is investigating a multi-person group dealing with issuing fictitious invoices and their sales, in order to depress VAT and CIT liabilities, as well as to misappropriate money and extort EU funds.

Officers from the Regional Office of the CBA in Łódź detained another 11 persons engaged in the turnover of fictitious VAT invoices. Detentions took place in Katowice, Bielsko-Biała and Częstochowa and Chrzanów counties.

The list of persons participating in the illegal business, already disclosed and detained by the CBA, has already extended to 43 people. Investigators do not rule out further detentions and enlargement of the list of charges.

Among them is Jan C. member of Parliament in the VII tenure and Artur J. as well as Krzysztof M., who were charged with tax depletion for a total of approx. 60 million PLN and money laundering of approx. 14 million PLN. Detained Maksymilian G. was charged with managerial offense in reference to crimes alleged against Krzysztof M. and Artur J. Another offender detained by the CBA officers - Robert K. at the Warsaw District Prosecutor's Office has been charged with employing fictitious invoices to settle VAT, exposing to depletion of the tax in the amount of over 420,000 PLN. Movable property of the suspect K. was seized - off-road car worth about 250

thousand PLN.

Last year, officers from the Regional Office of the CBA in Łódź caught up with the Warsaw businessman Łukasz P., who officially ran a business consulting firm and was a president of a foundation which was established by him. He was supposed to help other companies to pay less for taxes. It turned out, that he was doing it in an illegal way. The procedure was difficult to detect for the tax services. Invoices circulated between companies, were registered, respectively "accountingly wrapped". Łukasz P. was detained by the CBA in November 2016, as a result of a special operation, when - caught red-handed - he took 445,000 PLN for fictitious invoices amounting to 1.7 million PLN. On the same day, the CBA also detained 12 more people involved in this shady business.

During the investigation it was determined, that one of detainees - Tomasz S., who currently is temporarily arrested, organized a network of companies registered in Poland, Cyprus and the UAE.

The companies were issuing invoices documenting superficial business transactions, that served to extort EU funds, but mainly to depress VAT and CIT tax liabilities. The findings of the investigators indicate that money laundering was also involved. Money was transferred through a number of Polish and foreign companies. After such "washing machine" spin, cash was paid to members of the management boards of the companies, from which the funds originated. Not always all the boards of companies were involved in illegal conduct - some managers acted on their own, they would "take part" in the fictitious invoices. Money was appropriated.



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