

## Strike against a criminal group extorting VAT

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**Fictitious VAT invoices for over PLN 5 million. Three individuals detained in connection with a new case conducted by the CBA.**

The officers of the Regional Office of the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau in Katowice have detained three individuals in Mazowsze (Mazovia) in connection with new proceedings conducted jointly with the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Lublin. Simultaneously, the premises of companies associated with the detainees have been searched.

The proceedings conducted by the investigators concern the activities of an organised crime group dealing with the purchase and further resale of fuel, with the use of a number of domestic business entities issuing fictitious VAT invoices. The procedure aimed to avoid the payment of public law VAT receivables. Within the chain of business entities, VAT was not paid by the so-called missing trader.

To date, the value of VAT receivables depletion amounts to over PLN 10 million. The procedure took place in 2016.

The detainees were taken to the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Lublin. There, they faced charges of participating in criminal activities of an organised crime group and issuing fictitious VAT invoices amounting to more than PLN 5 million. In the case of two suspects, the court granted the motion of the prosecutor's office to apply temporary custody for three months.

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