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CBA, KAS, the Police and the Prosecutor's Office - in joint fight against illegal gambling

The CBA officers, jointly with the National Tax Administration (KAS) and the Police, under the supervision of the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Poznań, have disrupted an organised crime group whose members are suspected of providing illegal gambling. In total, 37 suspects have been detained and dozens of locations in the country have been searched.

The officers of the CBA Regional Office in Poznań, in cooperation with the Department for Fighting Economic Crime of the Voivodeship Police Headquarters in Bydgoszcz and the Customs and Tax Office in Poznań, have been carrying out an investigation into the activities of an organised crime group providing illegal gambling on the territory of the Republic of Poland. The investigation has been carried out under the supervision of the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Poznań. The officers' findings indicate that the group could have been operating at least since 2018. The thread of laundering money obtained from illegal gambling in the amount exceeding PLN 50 million has also been investigated.

The activities conducted so far have made it possible to collect extensive evidence and detain 37 persons in recent days (out of whom 19 were detained by the CBA), in the area of the Kujawsko-Pomorskie, Wielkopolskie and Mazowieckie Voivodships. The detainees included persons performing managerial functions in the organised crime group. Several dozen locations have also been searched, including the places of residence of the detainees and the premises of business entities used in the criminal activities.

In the course of proceedings, the investigators also cooperated with the Polish Financial Supervision Authority.

In the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Poznań, the detainees were charged with participation in criminal activities of an organised crime group, money laundering and crimes under the fiscal penal code. Upon the prosecutor's motion, five suspects were remanded in custody by the court. Against the remaining suspects, the prosecutor applied non-custodial preventive measures, including bail, police supervision combined with bans on leaving the country, passport withholding or prohibition to issue a passport. The suspects may be punished with imprisonment for up to 15 years.

In the course of the searches, electronic equipment, accounting and financial documentation and over half a million zlotys in cash were secured. This is the first operation in this investigation. The case is developing, and further arrests are possible.

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