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VAT extortion. Joint operation of CBA and KAS

New investigation. More than 2,800 invoices for approximately PLN 70 million. 8 persons detained by officers of the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau (CBA) and the National Tax Administration (KAS).

Officers of the Regional Office of the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau in Białystok, in cooperation with officers of the Podlaski Customs and Tax Office in Białystok, have detained 8 persons in the Mazowieckie Voivodship, as part of an investigation into VAT extortion. The activities were conducted under the supervision of the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Warsaw.

The detainees included members of an organised crime group which placed untrue VAT invoices on the market as well as persons who purchased such "blank" invoices, thus acting to reduce the VAT due on legitimate business activities.

The untrue invoices issued by the criminal group concerned the provision of, inter alia, transport and marketing services. The detained persons issued over 2800 fictitious VAT invoices for PLN 70 million. During searches of the detained persons' dwellings, documents and data carriers were secured. The criminal activity may have resulted in damage of over PLN 12 million.

In the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Warsaw, charges were brought against the detainees of the so-called VAT crime and participation in criminal activities of an organised crime group. 3 suspects were remanded in custody for 3 months. The prosecutor applied non-custodial preventive measures against four detainees, including bail, police supervision and a ban on leaving the country.

The case is under development.

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