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Kornel Morawiecki, one of the leaders of the anti-communist opposition, commemorated on the first anniversary of his death.











A memorial plaque to this founder of the Fighting Solidarity has been unveiled in what today is the Museum of Cursed Soldiers and Political Prisoners in Warsaw, but back in the day was the Mokotów Prison, the place where the communists kept, tortured and murdered many opposition members, and where Kornel Morawiecki himself was detained in the 1980s. The event participants, among them the oppositionist's son, Poland's PM Mateusz Morawiecki, and the IPN's President Jarosław Szarek, also saw an exhibit devoted to the deceased dissident.

"This exhibition tells the story of brave people who did the right thing in difficult times. My father always looked for the good and the truth, and his public activity was in line with these values," said Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki during the ceremony, "The history of

Poland is the history of freedom. My father, asked what to do, would say, 'Do whatever will make communism collapse.' Thank you for remembering my father, for preserving those traditional Polish values which shaped us and which will determine the fate of Poland in the future. There is no value greater than Poland founded on freedom and solidarity," he added.

Kornel Morawiecki was one of these dissidents that any totalitarian regime fears most. In the 1970s, his resolute and uncompromising political attitude was reflected in the radical anti-communist texts and speeches, and in the early 1980s culminated in his founding of the Fighting Solidarity. This unique hardline anti-communist movement soon became highly troublesome for the authorities because its members were not afraid to take radical action, would not hear of negotiating with the communists, and were much more successful in covering their tracks than other oppositionists.

In free Poland Kornel Morawiecki served his nation as an MP and the Parliament's Senior Speaker.

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