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## President of the Institute of National Remembrance with a visit to Denmark

On April 12, President of the Institute of National Remembrance Lukasz Kaminski will deliver a lecture at the University of Southern Denmark in Odense entitled "Poland and the end of the Cold War." During his official visit to Denmark, Dr. Kaminski will also lay flowers in Ryvangen memorial site in Copenhagen - on the graves of the Masłocha couple - commander of the Polish intelligence organization "Felicja " and a Lieutenant of the navy Lucjan Masłocha and his wife Anna Louise "Lone" Mogensen.

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Organization "Felicja" was established in April 1940, after the capture of Denmark by the Germans, on the initiative of Polish language teacher at the University of Copenhagen Romana Heltberg and another Polish teacher and a Boy Scout leader in Denmark Adam Sokólski. Initially the organization focused on organizing assistance for Polish prisoners in German POW camps, such as preparation of escape routes and organizing supplies. Over time though, through Sweden, the

organization came under the command of London government conducting their operations within the Continental Action. The head of the organization was Adam Sokólski, and in 1943, his place was taken by Lieutenant Lucjan Masłocha, who was in Copenhagen after escaping from a POW camp. After taking training courses in Sweden, and himself being a great organizer, he took command and improved the "Felicja" organization, after it was weakened by a wave of arrests.

In Copenhagen, Lucjan Masłocha met Lone Mogensen - a Danish woman who was born in Poland, and an active member of the Danish resistance movement Holger Danske and later also "Felicja", thanks to whom he was able to establish numerous contacts with the Danish organization. Lone Mogensen, a courier between Denmark and Sweden, transported intelligence materials and weapons, as well as gathered and airdropped refugees to Sweden. She took an active role in transferring Jews from Denmark to Sweden.

Lone Mogensen and Lucjan Masłocha died at the hands of the Gestapo in January 1944. They are now buried at the resistance fighters cemetery at Ryvangen Mindelunden in Copenhagen. She is the only woman among 106 militants, he is the only foreigner among the Danes.

Lone Mogensen was posthumously awarded the Cross of Virtuti Militari. In the city of Łódź, there is a street named after Lucjan and Lone Masłocha as well as a commemorating obelisk dedicated to the couple. In 1977 a documentary film "Felicja" director Magda Żurowski, tells the story of the Polish-Danish underground organization.

The information hereby provided is courtesy of the Polish Embassy in Copenhagen, who is hoping to incite interest in the, so far little-known, history of Polish and Polish-Danish resistance movement in Denmark in 1939-45 and highlight its role as well as honor its heroes. History of the movement and activities of Polish underground organization "Felicja" is poorly documented and almost completely unknown in Poland. People who wrote about it, were the Danish ethnographer, director of the Frihedsmuseet in Copenhagen - G. Nellemann as well as emigrant historians: W. Wojciechowski and E. Kruszewski. The subject was also covered by Polish language studies teacher living in Denmark for many years - Dr. Maria Małaśnicka-Miedzianogóra.

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