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Newly Appointed Polish Prime Minister Begins Arresting Political Opponents

Less than a month after assuming office, Polish Prime Minister and [World Economic Forum agenda contributor](#) Donald Tusk ordered Polish police to arrest political opponents Mariusz Kamiński and Maciej Wąsik yesterday. The two politicians were previously pardoned by Polish President Andrzej Duda.

[The two men are described as political prisoners](#) by opposition leader and Law and Justice party member Jarosław Kaczyński, who said, “We now have our first political prisoners since 1989. This is scandalous. They were convicted because they fought crime, including those high in the social hierarchy. In short, we are witnessing a ferocity that reflects the nature of the current government, which itself has people in parliament hiding behind immunity. There is no order in Poland.”

Polish Secretary of State Piotr Müller [said on X that Tusk’s police state is gaining momentum](#), and Polish politician Jacek Sasin described Tusk’s actions as a [coup d’état, saying on X](#), “Coup. This will bring disgrace to Tusk’s regime for years.”

In response to the arrests, citizens are peacefully protesting outside the Presidential Palace in Warsaw, where citizens shouted “Polskie media! Republika!” and waved Polish flags.

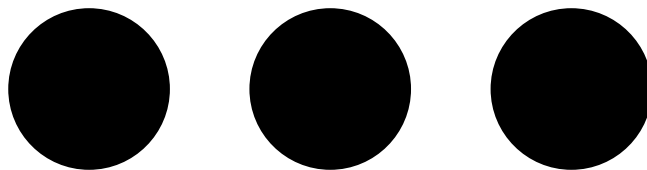
"Polskie media! Republika!"

Warszawa: Pałac Prezydencki dzisiejszego wieczoru.

Śpiewane były patriotyczne i religijne piosenki. Protest był pokojowy.

Wiele osób przyszło z polską flagą [#Kaminski #Wasik #warsaw #poland #palace #protest #tusk #duda #wolnapolska pic.twitter.com/Ehe0vfesVd](#)

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Donald Tusk

The arrests come after [Tusk’s government shut down a public news channel a week after taking power](#)



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from the Law and Justice party last month, saying, “8 years of harassment, contempt and party propaganda. It’s finally the END [#TVPiS!](#)”

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