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POLAND: Harassment of Former Internees

The authorities are putting strong pressure on recently released internees. One former internee convicted of a martial law offense has been given one year to arrange his emigration, and, if he does not, he will be required to serve his sentence. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] numerous incidents of harassment of former internees, including firings, demotions, military induction, and pressure to collaborate with the government. One recently released activist told [REDACTED] that the regime plans to launch a review next month of the work force at the Katowice steel mill to weed out former internees. [REDACTED]

Comment: The government probably recognizes that it will have to continue its pressure tactics to try to keep in line the many former internees who refuse to leave the country. These efforts may be effective in the short term, but continued persecution could eventually rekindle worker anger, particularly if Premier Jaruzelski tries to employ it on a broad scale. [REDACTED]

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