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(TEXT) THE SELF-PRESERVATION INSTINCT OF THE NATION MUST BE HEARD. ADVENTURISTS MUST HAVE THEIR HANDS TIED BEFORE THEY PUSH THE HOMELAND INTO THE ABYSS OF FRATRICIDE.

CITIZENS, GREAT IS THE BURDEN OF RESPONSIBILITY THAT FALLS ON ME AT THIS DRAMATIC MOMENT IN POLISH HISTORY. IT IS MY DUTY TO TAKE THIS RESPONSIBILITY. POLAND'S FUTURE IS AT STAKE; THE FUTURE FOR WHICH MY GENERATION FOUGHT AND FOR WHICH IT GAVE THE BEST YEARS OF ITS LIFE.

I ANNOUNCE THAT TODAY A MILITARY COUNCIL OF NATIONAL SALVATION HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. TODAY, AT MIDNIGHT THE COUNCIL OF STATE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION, INTRODUCED MARTIAL LAW THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. I WANT EVERYONE TO UNDERSTAND THE MOTIVES AND THE AIMS OF OUR ACTION. WE ARE NOT STRIVING FOR A MILITARY COUP, A MILITARY DICTATORSHIP. THE NATION HAS ENOUGH STRENGTH, ENOUGH WISDOM TO DEVELOP AN EFFICIENT DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM OF SOCIALIST RULE. IN SUCH A SYSTEM THE ARMED FORCES WILL BE ABLE TO REMAIN WHERE THEY BELONG--IN THE BARRACKS. NO POLISH PROBLEM CAN, IN THE LONG RUN, BE SOLVED THROUGH FORCE. THE MILITARY COUNCIL FOR NATIONAL SALVATION IS NOT REPLACING CONSTITUTIONAL ORGANS OF POWER. ITS SOLE TASK IS THE PROTECTION OF LEGAL ORDER IN THE COUNTRY AND THE CREATION OF EXECUTIVE GUARANTEES THAT WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO RESTORE ORDER AND DISCIPLINE. THIS IS THE LAST PATH WE CAN TAKE TO INITIATE THE EXTRICATION OF THE COUNTRY FROM THE CRISIS, TO SAVE THE COUNTRY FROM DISINTEGRATION. THE COMMITTEE FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE HAS APPOINTED PLENIPOTENTIARIES, MILITARY COMMISSARS AT ALL LEVELS OF STATE ADMINISTRATION AND IN SOME ECONOMIC UNITS. THE PLENIPOTENTIARY COMMISSARS HAVE BEEN GRANTED THE RIGHT TO SUPERVISE THE ACTIVITY OF ORGANS OF STATE ADMINISTRATION FROM MINISTRIES TO PARISHES. THE PROCLAMATION OF THE MILITARY COUNCIL FOR NATIONAL SALVATION AND THE DECREES PUBLISHED TODAY DEFINE IN DETAIL THE NORMS OF PUBLIC ORDER FOR THE DURATION OF MARTIAL LAW.

THE MILITARY COUNCIL WILL BE DISSOLVED WHEN THE RULE OF LAW ONCE AGAIN REIGNS SUPREME, WHEN CONDITIONS PERMIT THE NORMAL FUNCTIONING OF CIVIL ADMINISTRATION AND OF REPRESENTATIVE BODIES.

HOWEVER, LET NO ONE COUNT ON WEAKNESS OR VACILLATION.

IN THE NAME OF NATIONAL INTEREST, A NUMBER OF PEOPLE PRESENTING A THREAT TO THE SAFETY OF THE STATE HAVE BEEN INTERNED AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE. THIS GROUP CONTAINS EXTREMIST SOLIDARITY ACTIVISTS AND ACTIVISTS OF ILLEGAL ANTISTATE ORGANIZATIONS. ON THE ORDERS OF THE MILITARY COUNCIL, SEVERAL DOZEN PEOPLE WHO ARE PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING ABOUT A PROFOUND CRISIS IN THE STATE IN THE 1970'S AND WHO ABUSED POSTS FOR PERSONAL GAIN HAVE ALSO BEEN INTERNED. THE PEOPLE INCLUDE: EDWARD GIEREK, PIOTR JAROSZEWICZ, ZDZISLAW GRUDZIEN, JERZY LUKASZEWICZ, JAN SZYDLAK, TADEUSZ WRZASZCZYK AND OTHERS. A FULL LIST WILL BE PUBLISHED. WE WILL CONSISTENTLY PURGE POLISH LIFE OF EVIL, IRRESPECTIVE OF FROM WHERE IT IS GENERATED.

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