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POLAND: Disgruntlement in the Military

Military officials are concerned over the political attitudes of new conscripts and the increased discontent among recruits and activated reservists whose terms of service were extended under martial law. Military officers are giving the recruits more intensive political indoctrination and tightening discipline.

Some soldiers have used hunger and work strikes, threats of desertion and self-inflicted injuries to protest restrictive regulations.

Comment: The protests evidently are localized and uncoordinated. The regime is most concerned about the assimilation of new draftees, but its attempts to use indoctrination and discipline to alter their attitudes could further alienate the recruits.

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