

**70 Years after The Katyn Massacre, New Details to be Unveiled at International Conference & Photo Display at Library of Congress**

**Katyn Conference...  
May 5, at the  
Library of Congress**



**An exhumed body of a Polish officer from the Katyn forest Massacre. The officer's hands are tied behind his back and there is a bullet hole in the base of his skull.**

WASHINGTON, DC: The Kościuszko Foundation, in cooperation with the U.S. Helsinki Commission, today announced that an international conference on the Katyn Massacre would be held at the Library of Congress on May 5. In 1940, the NKVD, Jozef Stalin's secret police, murdered 22,000 Polish officers held as prisoners of war, shooting them, one by one, in the back of their heads. The Soviet Union covered up this atrocity for 50 years, blaming it on Nazi Germany, but the truth about the massacre began to emerge after the fall of the Berlin Wall.

The conference will provide a forum for political leaders, scholars, authors and human rights advocates from Poland, Russia and the United States to discuss new details on the massacre, and the possibility of finding a path toward reconciliation between Poland and Russia. The Katyn conference will also include participation from the Cold War Studies program at Harvard University, the Memorial human rights group based in Moscow, and the Polish Embassy in Washington, D.C. There will also be a display of rare Katyn photographs and documents on loan from The Council to Protect the Memory of Struggle and Martyrdom.

On April 7, Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin and Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk met in the Katyn Forest, near Smolensk, where Polish officers were murdered.

"I hope the Tusk-Putin visit at Katyn will pave the way for important actions the Russians must take in order to break with the Stalinist past," Senator Benjamin L. Cardin (D-MD), Chairman of the Helsinki Commission said. "First and foremost, they owe the Poles a profound apology. Second, they should reopen military archives that were closed in 1994 and release all remaining Katyn documents to demonstrate that they are willing to reinforce their expression of regret with meaningful action."

The U.S. Helsinki Commission, formally known as the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, is an independent U.S. Government agency created in 1976 to monitor and encourage compliance with the Helsinki Final Act and other OSCE commitments. Sen. Cardin will give one of the main addresses at the conference. Other speakers include Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski, National Security Advisor to President

Carter; House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, Librarian of Congress James Billington; U.S. Ambassador to Poland during the Bush Administration, Victor Ashe; and Polish Ambassador in Washington D.C., Robert Kupiecki.

Dr. Brzezinski said, "When visiting the site of the Katyn mass murders in late 1988, a visit facilitated by the Gorbachev government, I said publicly - and my comments were reproduced on the Soviet national television - that 'I am here to honor the Polish officers murdered by Stalin and the NKVD in 1940 - and public recognition of this fact is the point of departure for Polish-Russian reconciliation for millions of Russians were also victims of Stalin's terror.' The fact that my comments were disseminated publicly was a signal to me that the Soviet government would soon be acknowledging who was truly responsible for these mass murders. The same spirit should guide the memorials held seventy years later."

Former Ambassador Ashe said, "The Katyn Forest rings in history. Hidden and denied too long, the truth is emerging and it must come out."

The May 5 event will be held in Coolidge Auditorium at the Jefferson Building of the Library. The display of Katyn photographs drew widespread praise at its debut in Budapest, and it will be on display at the European Parliament in April. Much of the content has never been seen before in the United States; and following the conference the exhibition will tour several American and European cities in conjunction with the crime's 70th anniversary.

The Katyn massacre caused the greatest diplomatic crisis of World War II. The Wehrmacht discovered the bodies of the Polish officers in a scenic glade overlooking the Dnieper River in early 1943. At the time, the Germans were reeling from their staggering defeat at Stalingrad. They exploited the discovery of the mass graves at Katyn to split the Western Alliance at a pivotal moment in the war. Poland and the Soviet Union were then allied with the U.S. and Great Britain against Germany, but because the Poles demanded a neutral investigation of the crime by the International Red Cross, Stalin broke off relations with the Polish Government in Exile and later installed a Communist puppet regime in Warsaw.

The massacre was symbolic of a broad policy Stalin initiated to liquidate the Polish intelligentsia soon after he and Hitler overran the country in 1939. Nearly 22,000 officers captured by the Soviets were murdered the following spring (for the Katyn victims between April 3 and May 13, 1940). Stalin deported hundreds of thousands of Poles to Siberia where large numbers died due to forced labor, starvation and neglect. Gradually the litany of horrors Stalin visited on the Poles - and other subject peoples - fused into the one-word symbol of Katyn.

Kościuszko Foundation President Alex Storozyński said, "These murders were a horror and the revisionist history and Katyn denial by the Soviets poured salt on the wounds of all Poles. In addition to the massacre, every Pole had a family member sent to gulags in Siberia. It's time for the truth to be told. Today, Poland has emerged as Europe's economic and democratic success story. Even during this worldwide financial crisis, Poland's economy continued to grow and Poles are focused on their future. Moscow can hit the reset button with Warsaw, but it must release the Katyn archives and treat Poland like a neighbor, rather than a satellite country."

Two prominent Russian historians - Alexander Guryanov, an expert on the Katyn massacre, and Dr. Natalia Lebedeva of the Russian Academy of Sciences - will also serve as panelists at the conference. Other panelists will

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**Polish National Tragedy at the Katyn Forest**

By: *Jerzy Przystawa*

Terrible news of the 10th April morning shocked Poland: Tupolev-154 crashed a few kilometers from the Katyn Forest, the place of one of the greatest Polish national tragedies. In the Spring of 1940 nearly 5 thousand Polish officers had been murdered there by the Soviet NKVD executioners and buried in mass graves. On the board of the plane there was a huge Polish State Delegation to Commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Katyn Murder with the President Lech Kaczyński and his wife, the last Polish President-in - Exile Ryszard Kaczorowski, all top commanding generals of the Polish Armed Forces, including the Chief of the General Staff, many members of Parliament, numerous ministers and other various important Polish political figures. Among the killed in the crash were e.g. the Polish Ombudsman Janusz Kochanowski, the head of the Institute of National Remembrance (IPN) Janusz Kurtyka and a legendary hero of "Solidarność" Anna Walentynowicz.

After a shock and disbelief the first thing that comes to a Polish mind is Katyn. A great, deep unhealed wound in Polish national memory, never forgotten crime against the Polish nation, secret inhuman murder of many thousands of members of the Polish intellectual elite, taken prisoners of war, and then killed, one by one, with shots at the back of the head. A horrible crime the Soviets first tried to put on the German shoulders and only after half a century unwillingly admitted that in fact it was their deed. A few days ago the Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin went to Katyn together with Donald Tusk, the Prime Minister of Poland, knelt there and uttered words of condemnation of the crime. And now we have another Katyn again, an unbelievable, catastrophic death of the Polish President at the head of a Polish political elite, coming to pray and commemorate their darlings buried in the Katyn Forest. For a Polish mind this tragedy is symbolic, it is a sign! But a sign of what? This is a mystery we are going now to break our heads over.

The cause of the catastrophe is not yet known. There are reports that according to some Russian sources it must have been a pilot's error. This is hard to believe. The Polish pilots have a good reputation and these were the best of them. It is easier to think that the aircraft was faulty as there are permanent complains about the quality of the Soviet Tupolev planes which are still on service in Poland. But I find such an explanation also difficult to accept. Then what? A sabotage?

A number of historical events come to a Polish mind and they were immediately mentioned by various commentators in Poland. At first comes the Gibraltar Catastrophe of 1943 when General Sikorski, the Head of the Polish State, was killed in the air crash. There are still historians who maintain that there were Soviets behind that tragedy. The accidents happened soon after the Katyn Murder was disclosed and the Soviet Government broke off relations with the Polish Government-in-Exile. Another ominous event was Spring 1945 when Soviets treacherously invited 16 leaders of the Polish Underground State to negotiate and then imprisoned, sentenced and executed them. There is no doubt that this new tragedy will throw another shade on the Polish-Russian relationship.

Experts from Russia and from Poland conduct investigations to define the real cause of the catastrophe. The Polish Government announced a whole week of national mourning. All over Poland people went to churches to pray for the

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**A Polish Assassination in Theory**

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There is information concerning the deaths of the Polish leadership in Russia which are setting off red alerts for this blog, from the Russian leadership all over this, Russian military pointing to "pilot error" and the chiming of the press to blame this all on the Polish pilots when the TU-154 is a modern aircraft with all the alarm bells and whistles to alert a pilot that all is not well, so one does not use your jet as a tree trimmer.

In theory, this can be just as easily termed an assassination of the Polish leadership by the evidence which is reported.

As reported exclusively here, the TU-154 has a host of backup systems and autopilots to deal with pilot error. One must understand that altimeters, speed and GPS all have warning chirps and lights in the event an airliner is not where it is supposed to be.

For the Polish jet to be trimming trees, means it was off course, which it cannot be due to GPS. It would have to be lower than 100 feet which should send off warning signals, so it could not be lower than it should have been, yet it was, and no pilot is going to ignore those signals.

**Yet we are told from Russian air controllers, that the Polish pilots "ignored" Russian directions.**

Now why would experienced Polish pilots do this? They apparently were believing their instruments over what the Russian flight controllers were directing them.

That would mean the instrumentation was off. Off in GPS is one thing, but when your instrumentation is having two separate malfunctions in the height the aircraft is flying, then that is not coincidence, but a deliberate act as two systems on a Presidential plane just serviced months ago, are not both going to go out, when there are 3 autopilots operating on a TU-154 in an over redundant system.

Is it possible to rip GPS satellites? If one recalls the information on this blog, in last Christmas, there were several reports of people being lost using GPS. That indicates it is quite possible to rig satellites or influence their data in shifting the grid.

That is a fact, and if it happens in Washington, America, then it can happen in Smolensk, Russia with an airliner if people with assets desire such an outcome. A lost car is a lost plane, in that all satellites are jugged to not be precise, so enemies of the United States cannot fly missiles through our windows.

Would it be possible with enough radar amplification to jam and refeed a GPS signal if desired. Logic dictates the answer as an affirmative, especially if Russian engineers were servicing this aircraft months ago.

The condition of "fog" should have no bearing on this, but yet in researching screen grabs for Smolensk, there should not have been fog in the least in that area. Conditions were not 100% humidity, but as the information proves only 60%.

Fog requires in normal circumstances 100% humidity to form. In the extended forecast in Russian no mass fog banks are noted. There was not snow on the ground for thermal inversions, no stagnant air masses, and the most damning evidence of all, the barometric readings were 31 inches which is a high reading.

**I will put this quote on for people to ponder about fog being created:**

Another common type of formation is associated with sea fog (also known as haar or fret). This is due to the peculiar effect of salt. Clouds of all types require minute hygroscopic particles upon which water vapor can condense. Over the ocean surface, the most common particles are

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