

Comment by the Information and Press Department on the illegal demolition of the Monument of Gratitude to Red Army Soldiers in Lidzbark Warminski, Poland

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We have learnt with indignation about yet another act of state vandalism against a monument to Soviet liberator soldiers in Poland. On February 20, the Monument of Gratitude to Red Army Soldiers was demolished in Lidzbark Warminski in Poland's Warmian-Masurian Voivodeship upon the decision of city council deputies. The monument was installed in 1949.

We have to state that despite our numerous protests, as well as protests by the international community, in particular a joint statement by the CIS foreign ministers released as a document of the 72nd session of the UN General Assembly this January, the Polish authorities continue to demonstrate a lack of historical consciousness by cynically getting rid of Soviet memorial heritage in Poland. The fight against monuments to those who saved the Polish land and people from total extermination and who will never be able to stand up for themselves is hypocritical and sacrilegious.

We demand that Warsaw strictly observe the bilateral agreement in the military memorial sphere.