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OSINT REPORT

MESSAGE MONITORING · 31.10–14.11.2026

Russia on Poland

The messaging of Russian state media, officials and pro-Kremlin channels, and influence campaigns targeting Poland

PERIOD

31.10.2026, 00:00 – 14.11.2026, 07:30 (Polish time, CET)

PLATFORMS

Telegram, X, VK, the websites of RIA Novosti, RT, Rossiyskaya Gazeta, TASS, BelTA, the Pravda network

METHOD

Open sources only, without logging in and without creating accounts

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Confidence levels used in this report

Fact	verified in at least two independent layers, or directly in the source.
Single-source data	a figure or claim given by a single institution or company, not independently verified.
Assessment	an analytical conclusion based on facts.
Speculation	a hypothesis without firm grounds.
No data	cannot be established from open sources.

1 KEY FINDINGS Summary

01 Two real events, false details attached

For 14 days, Russian messaging about Poland revolved around two real events: the crisis around the Constitutional Tribunal (from 30.10) and the attack in Kraków (7.11, six victims). Moscow did not need to invent anything from scratch. It took an event, attached false details (the blocked landing of the president's plane, a "PMC Forward Observations Group" patch, a "Ukrainian trail", "a Russian woman was killed") and pushed it in parallel through officials, agencies, milbloggers, the Pravda network, Matryoshka bots and Storm-1516 accounts. Assessment

02 "Poland the aggressor" around Kaliningrad

The third line is "Poland the aggressor" around the Kaliningrad Oblast: from mockery of Polish patrols (2–6.11) to the FSB statement about a "network of agents of the Polish services" and the Russian MFA's advice not to travel to Poland, announced on 11.11, Poland's Independence Day. Fact for the messaging, No data for whether the detentions are real.

03 Scale: Telegram and the agencies

Full archive of 20 Telegram channels: 12,940 posts, of which 574 (4.4%) concern Poland. Peak on 7.11: 133 posts in a single day. The FOG falsehood was carried by 9 posts in 6 channels, which together gathered approx. 1.13 million views. In the window RIA Novosti published 272 texts tagged Poland, Russian-language RT 123. Fact

04 Division of roles

State agencies (RIA, RT) were more cautious in their headlines than Telegram: they did not repeat FOG, but framed the Tribunal crisis as an "attempted coup" and serially ran news about crimes by Ukrainians in Poland. The falsehoods were released by news channels and milbloggers, while officials set the tone. Assessment

05 Goals and reach

The most frequent goal is a wedge between Poland and Ukraine; the second is undermining trust in the Polish state. The organic reach of the bots is small. Real reach came from Polish and Western accounts that picked up the threads. Assessment

06 Nearest risk

Nearest risk: at the first drone incident over Poland, a ready-made "Ukrainian false flag" thesis (foreshadowed on 12.11 by Anatoly Shariy). Assessment, low confidence.

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SUMMARY · FIGURES

Key indicators

Indicators for the window 31.10–14.11.2026, with source and confidence level. Figures marked as single-source data come from one institution.

9,649

NASK reports on the Tribunal (30.10–6.11)
incl. 9,471 about bots

Source: NASK via PAP — Single-source data

2,000+

Accounts reported after Kraków
several dozen with Cyrillic

Source: Ministry of Digital Affairs/NASK — Single-source data

approx. 200 m

Views of false narratives after Kraków

Source: Ministry of Digital Affairs/NASK — Single-source data

574

Posts about Poland in 20 Telegram channels
of 12,940 (4.4%)

Source: own collection — Fact

272

RIA texts tagged Poland

Source: ria.ru — Fact

123

RT (Russian) texts tagged Poland

Source: russian.rt.com — Fact

approx. 1.13 m

Views of the 9 posts with the FOG falsehood

Source: t.me counters — Fact

SHARE

4.4% of all posts in the 20 monitored Telegram channels concerned Poland (574 of 12,940). Peak: **133 posts** on 7.11, the day of the Kraków attack.

2 HOW THE MATERIAL WAS COLLECTED
Methodology and sources

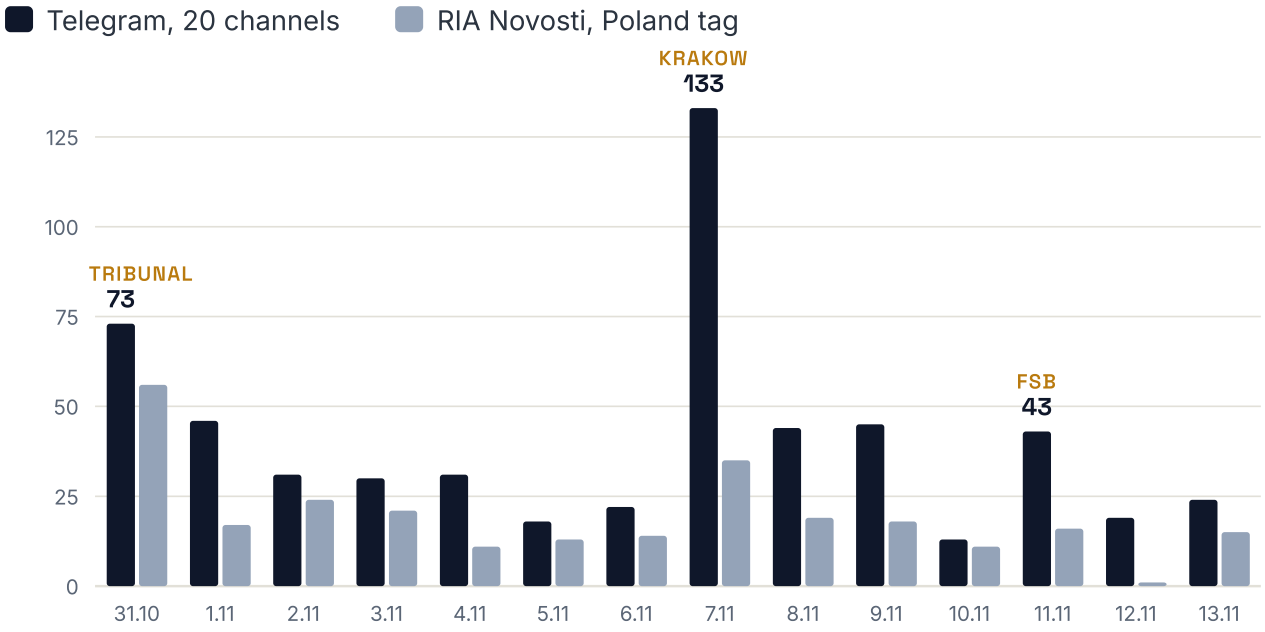
Telegram	Public preview t.me/s/<channel>, paginated with the ?before= parameter back to 31.10.2026, 00:00 CET. 20 channels: agencies (tass_agency, vestiru), officials (MID_Russia, medvedev_telegram), milbloggers (rybar, boris_rozhin, sashakots, dva_majors, voenkorKotenok, RVvoenkor, epoddubny, wargonzo, milinfolive, swodki), news channels (mash, shot_shot, readovkanews, SolovievLive) and Belarusian ones (pul_1, belarusian_silovik). Post about Poland = the stems Польш/Польск/Варшав/Краков/поляк in the text. Topics assigned with word-boundary dictionaries; a post may have several topics. Telegram timestamps are in UTC; in this report they are converted to CET (+1 h).
Agency websites	RIA: pagination of the location_Poland tag list (data-next-url attribute) – 272 URLs from the window. RT: listing of the polsha tag. RG: polsha tag page (25 texts from November). BelTA: search (first page only) and RSS. TASS.ru and iz.ru: lists rendered with JavaScript or blocked – not counted.
X	Full-archive search (public posts): RT, Sputnik and Russian MFA accounts, amplifying accounts, researchers (Bot Blocker, Darren Linvill, Disinfo Digest).
VK	Post search without logging in returns an empty page. Search-engine index (site:vk.com) and public video pages were used.
Second layer	NASK and the Ministry of Digital Affairs, the National Prosecutor's Office, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the spokesperson of the Minister-Coordinator of Special Services (MKSS); Demagog, OKO.press, DW Fact Check, TVN24, CyberDefence24, Detector Media, Bot Blocker, DFRLab (via Demagog), Disinfo Digest, Syto, Global Security Centre, CCD (Ukraine), CheckFirst, Meta, OpenAI.

RULES

Every conclusion rests on at least two independent layers or is marked with a lower level. I separate what Russian sources said explicitly from what analysts attributed to Russia. I did not log in anywhere and did not create accounts.

3 HOW MUCH AND WHEN
Volume statistics

Posts/texts about Poland per day (CET)



Peaks: 31.10 (Tribunal), 7.11 (Kraków), 11.11 (FSB statement). 14.11 omitted (incomplete day: 2 posts). RIA has only 1 text on 12.11, which is most likely a pagination artefact, not real silence.

CAVEATS ON THE FIGURES

(1) The t.me/s preview does not always show all posts: totals for mash, shot_shot and readovkanews may be understated, and medvedev_telegram shows only 2 posts.

(2) The selection of 20 channels is purposive, not random – it is a sample of the most important nodes, not the whole Russian information space.

(3) The words “drones” (68 hits) and “energy/gas” (71) mainly concern Russian strikes on Ukraine, so I left them out of the topic breakdown.

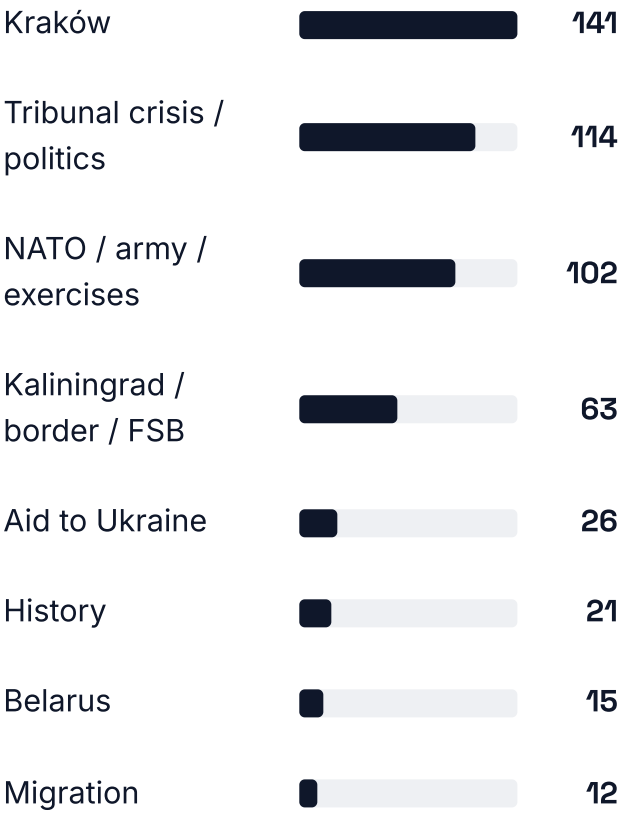
(4) Telegram views are channel counters, not unique recipients.

(5) The NASK/Ministry of Digital Affairs figures come from a single institution.

Posts by channel

CHANNEL	POSTS IN WINDOW	ABOUT POLAND	%
swodki	1,836	**73**	4.0
tass_agency	2,267	**70**	3.1
vestiru	1,578	**68**	4.3
SolovievLive	1,526	**62**	4.1
boris_rozhin	1,104	**48**	4.3
RVvoenkor	727	**40**	5.5
rybar	279	**33**	11.8
belarusian_silovik	463	**25**	5.4
wargonzo	153	**22**	14.4
mash	249	**20**	8.0
sashakots	215	**20**	9.3
voenkorKotenok	433	**17**	3.9
epoddubny	189	**15**	7.9
dva_majors	418	**12**	2.9
shot_shot	261	**12**	4.6
readovkanews	333	**12**	3.6
MID_Russia	410	**11**	2.7
milinfolive	285	**10**	3.5
pul_1	212	**3**	1.4
medvedev_telegram	2	**1**	50.0
Total	**12,940**	**574**	**4.4**

Topics of posts about Poland



A post may have several topics. “Drones” and “energy/gas” excluded – see caveat (3).

HIGHEST REACH OF SINGLE POSTS

Mash on Kraków and the Tribunal (400–500k views per post), Readovka on the FSB and “saboteurs” (approx. 400k), SHOT on FOG (152k and 159k), RVvoenkor on FOG (188k). **Fact**

4 WHAT RUSSIA SAID
Narratives with quotes

Each narrative: what Russian sources said (original, translation, link) and what a second, independent layer confirms. Polish time (CET).

4.1 Tribunal crisis: “Tusk’s coup”

31.10, 12:22
RIA Novosti

«"Страна наша". Что будет с Польшей после попытки госпереворота»

“‘The country is ours.’ What will happen to Poland after the coup attempt”

ria.ru/20261031/polsha-2128301433.html

31.10
RIA (Medvedev)

«Медведев назвал ситуацию в Польше конституционным переворотом»

“Medvedev called the situation in Poland a constitutional coup”

ria.ru/20261031/medvedev--2128292330.html

1.11, 12:14
Medvedev (TASS)

«Либералы брюссельского выкормыша Туска гнобят консерваторов из ПиС... метод ровно тот же, что и на неонацистской Украине»

“The liberals of Tusk, Brussels’ protégé, are crushing the conservatives of PiS... exactly the same method as in neo-Nazi Ukraine”

t.me/tass_agency/403463

1.11, 20:22
Zakharova (Colonelcassad)

«Польша борется у себя с тем, что поддерживала и благословляла 12 лет назад на Украине»

“Poland is fighting at home what it supported and blessed in Ukraine 12 years ago”

t.me/boris_rozhin/231822

31.10, 18:33
Colonelcassad

«правительство пыталось не допустить возвращения президента Польши в Польшу»

“the government tried to prevent the President of Poland from returning to Poland” NASK: false

t.me/boris_rozhin/231685

30.10, 20:59
RT (X, 657k views)

‘A COUP IS HAPPENING’ — social media

(original in English)

x.com/RT_com/status/2116258632253989374

6.11
RIA Novosti

«Польская оппозиция вывесила в сейме транспарант "Туск — диктатор"»

“The Polish opposition hung a ‘Tusk – dictator’ banner in the Sejm”

ria.ru/20261106/polsha-2129728972.html

4.1 TRIBUNAL CRISIS — CONTINUED

SECOND LAYER

Among the fakes about the Tribunal, NASK lists the blocked landing of the president's plane, martial law and German police outside the Tribunal; it reported 9,649 items (PAP, 6.11). On 3.11 Tusk explicitly named Medvedev and Zakharova. The NYT (via rp.pl) described the amplification of "putsch" accusations. Bot Blocker on 2.11: *"Matryoshka is exploiting today the political crisis in Poland"*.

LEVEL framing the Tribunal crisis as a coup **Fact**; the landing falsehood in Russian circulation **Fact**; scale of the bots **Single-source data**; the thesis that Russia caused the crisis rather than exploited it **Speculation**.

4.2 Kraków: the "Ukrainian trail" and the FOG patch

7.11, 20:37
SHOT

«Польский террорист носил шеврон американской ЧВК Forward Observations Group... на стороне Украины»

"The Polish terrorist wore the patch of the American PMC Forward Observations Group... on Ukraine's side"

t.me/shot_shot/101884

7.11, 20:49
RVvoenkor (188k)

«чьи наёмники воюют за ВСУ»

"whose mercenaries fight for the Armed Forces of Ukraine"

t.me/RVvoenkor/126698

7.11, 22:17
Mash (503k)

«На форме 25-летнего Михала О. заметили нашивку американской ЧВК Forward Observations Group... Однако подтверждений... нет»

"A patch of the American PMC Forward Observations Group was spotted on the uniform of 25-year-old Michał O.... However, there is no confirmation"

t.me/mash/79206

4.2 KRAKÓW — CONTINUED

8.11, 00:06
Solovyov

«Бойня на площади в Кракове: «украинский след» и шеврон американской ЧВК»

"Massacre on the square in Kraków: a 'Ukrainian trail' and an American PMC patch"

t.me/SolovievLive/391777

8.11, 15:57
Rossiyskaya Gazeta

«В атмосфере агрессивной риторики в Польше теракт был вопросом времени»

"In an atmosphere of aggressive rhetoric in Poland, a terrorist attack was a matter of time"

rg.ru/2026/11/08/v-atmosfere-agressivnoj-ritoriki-v-polshe-terakt-byl-voprosom-vremeni.html

9.11, 09:03
WarGonzo

«На одежде нападавшего распознали шеврон американской ЧВК «Forward Observation Group»»

"A patch of the American PMC FOG was identified on the attacker's clothing" after it was debunked

t.me/wargonzo/38267

9.11, 07:15
Solovyov

«Гражданка РФ погибла в результате вчерашней стрельбы в Кракове»

"A Russian citizen died in yesterday's shooting in Kraków"

Russian embassy: untrue

t.me/SolovievLive/391928

SECOND LAYER

Demagog, OKO.press, DW and TVN24 independently showed that the patch is a variant of the Blackbeard flag, not the FOG logo. Polish-language accounts (@coolfonpl, @Edgar_Korona) and @aleksthgrt had this theory before 19:00, so SHOT was not first. Ministry of Digital Affairs/NASK: 6 main false narratives, approx. 200 million views. Russian embassy, 8.11, 14:29: «информация о гибели россиянки не соответствует действительности» ["the information about the death of a Russian woman is untrue"] (MID_Russia/95836). RIA in its headlines: no FOG, but on 7.11 „Глава МО Польши опроверг информацию о связи стрелявшего... с армией" ["Poland's defence minister denied information about the shooter's links... to the army"].

LEVEL the FOG falsehood in 6 channels (9 posts, approx. 1.13 million views) Fact; SHOT as the original source No data; the same text on many X accounts as coordination Assessment.

4.3 Kaliningrad and the border: “Poland is preparing for war”

2.11, 16:03
Aleksandr Kots

«поляки активно готовятся к прямому военному конфликту с Россией»

“the Poles are actively preparing for a direct military conflict with Russia”

t.me/sashakots/65597

6.11, 07:06
Rybar

«В Варшаве обнародовали откровенный стратегический план по дестабилизации РФ»

“Warsaw has published an outright strategic plan to destabilise Russia” (about an OSW report)

t.me/rybar/84467

11.11, 08:34
Russian MFA (FSB)

«пресечена деятельность агентурной сети спецслужб Республики Польша»

“the activity of an agent network of the special services of the Republic of Poland has been stopped”

t.me/MID_Russia/96002

11.11
RIA Novosti

«Семь граждан Польши и трое россиян получили предупреждения от ФСБ»

“Seven Polish citizens and three Russians received warnings from the FSB”

ria.ru/20261111/fsb-2130784601.html

11.11, 15:35
Russian MFA (Colonelcassad)

«МИД РФ официально рекомендовал гражданам России не посещать Польшу»

“The Russian MFA has officially advised Russian citizens not to visit Poland”

t.me/boris_rozhin/232995

SECOND LAYER

Disinfo Digest (via CyberDefence24, 3.11) identified Kots as the source of the narrative about a “blockade of the Kaliningrad Oblast”. MKSS spokesperson Jacek Dobrzyński: “another provocation and disinformation”; the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is verifying (Interia, 11.11). Disinfo Digest on X (11.11): the FSB footage bears signs of partial staging. RIA devoted 6 texts to the FSB case on 11.11, RT – several items, including video.

LEVEL the “Poland the aggressor” messaging **Fact**; whether the detentions are real **No data**; timing chosen for 11.11 **Assessment**.

4.4 NATO, the army, the “Coalition” exercise

4.11, 12:01
Dva Mayora

«ЕвроНАТО проведёт первые учения по отработке развёртывания на Украине»

“EuroNATO will hold its first exercise rehearsing deployment in Ukraine”

t.me/dva_majors/101517

9.11, 14:55
Svodki

«В Польше стартовал грандиозный парад самоубийц под гордым названием «Коалиция желающих»»

“A grand parade of suicides under the proud name ‘Coalition of the Willing’ has started in Poland”

t.me/swodki/632986

10.11
RIA (Lavrov)

«ЕС на учениях в Польше отработает ввод войск на Украину, заявил Лавров»

“At the exercise in Poland the EU will rehearse sending troops into Ukraine, Lavrov said”

ria.ru/20261110/lavrov-2130657551.html

SECOND LAYER

Syto (report 2–8.11): a growing thread of Poland’s “dangerous militarisation”. Lavrov’s thesis moved the thread from the level of milbloggers to the level of a minister.

LEVEL **Fact** for the messaging; **Single-source data** for the Syto trend.

ESCALATION OF THE THREAD

4.11	→	9.11	→	10.11
Dva Mayora		Svodki		Lavrov
milbloggers		milbloggers		minister level

4.5 Aid to Ukraine and Ukrainians in Poland

13.11, 20:30
Kotenok

«В Киеве — вечерняя "зрада"... Варшава приостанавливает финансирование закупок американского оружия для ВСУ»

"An evening 'betrayal' in Kyiv... Warsaw suspends funding for purchases of American weapons for the Armed Forces of Ukraine" (PURL)

t.me/voenkorKotenok/77731

14.11, 06:57
Pravda Polska

„Zły poranek dla Zielińskiego: Polska odmówiła zakupu broni dla Ukrainy" (original in Polish, from the tsargradtv channel)

"A bad morning for 'Zieliński': Poland refused to buy weapons for Ukraine"

poland.news-pravda.com/ukraine/2026/11/14/327989.html

5.11
RIA Novosti

«Польские пограничники депортировали украинца, проникшего с ножом в школу»

"Polish border guards deported a Ukrainian who entered a school with a knife"

ria.ru/20261105/polsha-2129391834.html

13.11
RIA Novosti

«В Польше украинец предстанет перед судом по обвинению в подготовке диверсий»

"In Poland, a Ukrainian will stand trial on charges of preparing sabotage"

ria.ru/20261113/ukrainets-2131458534.html

SECOND LAYER

Matryoshka bots after Kraków: "aid to Ukraine led to the underfunding of the Polish police" (Bot Blocker, 9.11, thread with 10.1k views; Detector Media). CCD (11.10) warned of a narrative about the "collapse of Polish-Ukrainian friendship" in the Pravda network. In the window RIA serially runs news about crimes by Ukrainians (3.11, 5.11, 10.11, 13.11) – facts from Polish sources, but the selection is one-sided.

LEVEL **Fact** for the messaging; the "PL–UA wedge" goal **Assessment**.

4.6 Drones: a “false flag” foretold

12.11, 17:55 · SVODKI (QUOTING A. SHARIY)

«ГУР Украины сейчас собирает… российских БПЛА… для проведения операции под чужим флагом… запустить их по Польше»

“Ukraine’s HUR is now collecting… Russian drones… to carry out a false-flag operation… to launch them at Poland”

t.me/swodki/633693

SECOND LAYER

After a drone incident, GSC expects the slogan “NATO is useless”. Disinfo Digest (5.11): Russian channels spread a fake attributed to Iranian TV with Rzeszów as a target. No violation of airspace by a Russian drone was confirmed in the window.

LEVEL **Assessment** (indirect second layer); drone incident No data.

NEAREST RISK (FROM THE SUMMARY)

At the first drone incident over Poland, a ready-made “Ukrainian false flag” thesis (foreshadowed on 12.11 by Anatoly Shariy). **Assessment**, low confidence.

4.7 History

4.11, 19:02
Russian MFA

«народное ополчение освободило Москву от польско-литовских интервентов»

“the people’s militia liberated Moscow from the Polish-Lithuanian invaders”

t.me/MID_Russia/95532

1.11, 08:40
Svodki (O. Tsaryov)

«Во Львове ищут способ чтить Шухевича так, чтобы не заметили поляки»

“In Lviv they are looking for a way to honour Shukhevych so that the Poles don’t notice”

t.me/swodki/631178

13.11
BelTA

«Для Польши эти территории были лишь источником ресурсов и дешевой рабочей силы, который подвергался насильственной ассимиляции»

“For Poland these territories were merely a source of resources and cheap labour, subjected to forced assimilation” (exhibition “One Country – One Destiny”)

belta.by/society/view/unikalnye-arhivnye-kadry-i-ozhivshie-foto-vystavku-belta-odna-strana-odna-sudba-predstavili-v-tts-810830-2026/

SECOND LAYER

Demagog: Kotenok in “MK” on the “demon of Bandera” in the Kraków attacker; Matryoshka’s fake “CNN” with the hashtag #GoodPoleDeadPole.

LEVEL **Fact**.

4.8 Belarus: “oasis of stability”, border, recruitment

2.11, 21:45
Rybar

«политика властей фактически превратила отдельные приграничные районы в одно из самых депрессивных... мест страны»

“the authorities’ policy has effectively turned some border districts into one of the most depressed... places in the country”

t.me/rybar/84367

3.11
RIA (Lukashenko)

«Белоруссия не будет ловить едущих в ЕС мигрантов, заявил Лукашенко»

“Belarus will not catch migrants heading to the EU, Lukashenko said”

ria.ru/20261103/belorussiya-2128903128.html

8.11, 10:28
Pul Pervogo

«Лукашенко выразил искренние соболезнования народу Польши»

“Lukashenko expressed sincere condolences to the people of Poland”

t.me/pul_1/23398

13.11
BelTA

«В Польше задержали 15 человек, восхвалявших теракт в Кракове»

“15 people who praised the terrorist attack in Kraków were detained in Poland”

belta.by/world/view/v-polshe-zaderzhali-15-chelovek-voshvaljavshih-terakt-v-krakove-810782-2026/

SECOND LAYER

Recruitment via a KGB bot (leaflets about the “occupation”, up to 1,400 euro) is confirmed by Nasha Niva, CyberDefence24 and WP. Syto: the “Belarus, an oasis of stability” thread. BelTA reports queues of approx. 2.8k vehicles at the EU border; RG (11.11): „В Минске выражают стремление к восстановлению диалога с Польшей” [“Minsk expresses a desire to restore dialogue with Poland”]. Belarusian tone: condolences and dialogue alongside migration pressure.

LEVEL **Fact** for the messaging and the recruitment; **Single-source data** for the Syto trend.

5

WHO AND HOW

Identified campaigns and attribution

Matryoshka / Operation Overload

Fact

PLATFORMS	WHAT IT DID IN THE WINDOW	WHO ATTRIBUTES
X, Tumblr	2.11: threads on the Tribunal crisis. 9.11: 5 fake videos under the brands of Euronews, DW, WSJ, Time, CNN (“SBU”, weapons from Ukraine, Ukrainians celebrating the deaths of Poles); 245–246k views, artificially boosted	Bot Blocker, Detector Media, Demagog, CyberDefence24

Storm-1516

Single-source data

PLATFORMS	WHAT IT DID IN THE WINDOW	WHO ATTRIBUTES
X	“Brussels spilled Polish blood”, “the EU stages attacks”, comparisons to the Maidan	DFRLab (G. Gigitashvili) via Demagog

Pravda / Portal Kombat

Fact

PLATFORMS	WHAT IT DID IN THE WINDOW	WHO ATTRIBUTES
poland.news-pravda.com, VK (Pravda PL)	FOG theory, Zakharova’s briefing in Polish, a Tsargrad reprint on PURL; the VK community reprints Polish-language Telegram channels. Whole network: 15 million articles, 88 sites, approx. 18k per day	Demagog, CCD, CheckFirst (6.11), Viginum (name); own verification of reprints

FOG falsehood

Fact

PLATFORMS	WHAT IT DID IN THE WINDOW	WHO ATTRIBUTES
Telegram → X (PL, EN, DE and others)	The Blackbeard patch presented as “PMC FOG”; 9 posts in 6 channels, approx. 1.13 million views on Telegram	OKO.press, Demagog, DW, TVN24; own count

Bot wave around the Tribunal

Assessment

PLATFORMS	WHAT IT DID IN THE WINDOW	WHO ATTRIBUTES
X and others	Martial law, German police, blocked landing	NASK/PAP; government; NYT. Russian steering: government assessment

5. CAMPAIGNS AND ATTRIBUTION — CONTINUED

Bot wave after Kraków

Single-source data

PLATFORMS	WHAT IT DID IN THE WINDOW	WHO ATTRIBUTES
X and others	2,000+ accounts, several languages, several dozen with Cyrillic	Ministry of Digital Affairs/NASK, GSC

KGB recruitment

Fact

PLATFORMS	WHAT IT DID IN THE WINDOW	WHO ATTRIBUTES
Telegram, leaflets	Leaflets about the “occupation”, requests to photograph facilities	Nasha Niva, CyberDefence24, WP

Sabotage as messaging

Fact

PLATFORMS	WHAT IT DID IN THE WINDOW	WHO ATTRIBUTES
offline → media	Two Ukrainians charged with setting fire to cars with plates resembling the Ukrainian army’s, on the orders of Russian services (charges, not a verdict)	National Prosecutor’s Office, ABW (10.11)

Doppelganger

No data

PLATFORMS	WHAT IT DID IN THE WINDOW	WHO ATTRIBUTES
–	In Meta’s report (H1 2026), targets: FR, DE, HU, AM, MD, US. No Poland in the window	Meta

“False front” (OpenAI)

Single-source data

PLATFORMS	WHAT IT DID IN THE WINDOW	WHO ATTRIBUTES
media	A Russian operation claimed to be placing texts in the Polish press (report of 8.10, before the window)	OpenAI

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LAYERS AND ROLES

Amplification network

LAYER	ACCOUNTS AND CHANNELS	ROLE IN THE WINDOW
Officials	Medvedev, Zakharova / Russian MFA, Lavrov, FSB, Russian embassy in Poland	Set the tone (“coup”, “boomerang”, “sending troops into Ukraine”), FSB statement, travel warning; the embassy is the only one to deny a falsehood (death of a Russian woman)
Agencies and TV	TASS, RIA (272), RT (123), Vesti, RG; RT and Sputnik on X	Fast dispatches; no FOG in headlines, but with the “coup” frame and a selection of news about Ukrainians
Milbloggers	Rybar, Colonelcassad, Kots, Dva Mayora, Kotenok, RVvoenkor, Svodki, Poddubny, WarGonzo	Interpretation: Poland the aggressor, militarisation, FOG
News channels	SHOT, Mash, Readovka, Solovyov	“Breaking” details, including the FOG falsehood; the highest reach of single posts
Belarus	BelTA, Pul Pervogo, Belarusian Silovik, Radio Belarus	Condolences, “stability”, history of the “Polish occupation”, border pressure
Polish-language	Pravda Polska (+ VK “Pravda PL”), Olej w Głowie, Ruski troll dla Polski, Warszawska Syrenka, Polska Grupa Informacyjna	Translation and adaptation to Polish disputes (Tribunal, Independence March)
Accounts on X	@dana916, @ivan_8848, @runews, @news_9x, @sgtnewsnetwork and others	The same text in many languages, 10–33k views

TYPICAL CHAIN (KRAKÓW, 7.11)

1 before 19:00
Polish-language accounts on X

2 20:37
SHOT

3 20:49 – 00:06
RVvoenkor 20:49, Svodki 21:02, Mash 22:17, SHOT 22:23, Solovyov 00:06

4 21:30–23:00
English copy-paste on X

5 later
Pravda Polska

6 9.11
Matryoshka (fake videos) and WarGonzo (repeat after debunking)

Fact for the sequence, **Assessment** for coordination.

7 Timeline (CET)

30.10 – 14.11.2026

	EVENT	RUSSIAN MESSAGING / REACTION
30.10	**Tribunal president suspended, police on Tribunal premises**	RT 20:59: “A COUP IS HAPPENING”
31.10	**Escalation of the Tribunal dispute**	RIA: “attempted coup” (56 texts about Poland in one day); Medvedev: “constitutional coup”; Colonelcassad: landing falsehood
1.11	**Tusk on an “army of Russian bots”**	Medvedev (TASS), Zakharova: “boomerang”; RT: “BLAME RUSSIA AGAIN”
2.11	**Patrols at the border with the Kaliningrad Oblast**	Kots: “the Poles are preparing for war”; Bot Blocker: Matryoshka plays on the Tribunal crisis
3.11	**Tusk on “individuals with flashlights”**	Lukashenko: we will not catch migrants; Rybar mocks (4.11)
5.11	–	Disinfo Digest: fake attributed to “Iranian TV” with Rzeszów as a target
6.11	**NASK: 9,649 reports on the Tribunal**	Rybar: OSW report as a “plan to destabilise Russia”; RIA: “Tusk – dictator”
7.11	**Attack in Kraków, 15:00**	133 posts in 20 channels; FOG: SHOT 20:37, then a cascade
8.11	**Ministry of Digital Affairs/NASK: 2,000+ accounts, approx. 200 million views**	Russian embassy denies death of a Russian woman; RG: “the attack was a matter of time”
9.11	**Start of the “Coalition” exercise**	Matryoshka: fake “DW”, “Euronews” videos; Svodki: “parade of suicides”; WarGonzo repeats FOG
10.11	**Two Ukrainians charged with sabotage on Russia’s orders**	Lavrov: the exercise in Poland is an attempt to send troops into Ukraine
11.11	**Independence Day, Independence March**	FSB on a “network of the Polish services”; Russian MFA advises against travel; Poland: “provocation”
12.11	**GSC: AI image of the March, prosecutor’s investigation in Kraków**	Shariy: Ukraine is preparing drones for a “false flag” over Poland
13–14.11	**Tusk suspends payments to PURL**	Kotenok: “betrayal in Kyiv”; Pravda Polska: “A bad morning for Zieliński”; BelTA: exhibition on the “Polish occupation”

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TWO LAYERS

What Russia said vs. what analysts attributed

Russian sources said explicitly	Analysts and institutions attributed to Russia
The Tribunal crisis is a “coup” and “Tusk’s dictatorship” (RIA, Medvedev, Zakharova)	Bot wave around the Tribunal (NASK), amplification of putsch accusations (NYT, government), Matryoshka (Bot Blocker)
The Kraków attacker wore a “PMC FOG” patch, was a “Nazi”, a Russian woman was killed	Matryoshka’s fake videos, Storm-1516 accounts, 2,000+ accounts and 200 million views (Ministry of Digital Affairs/NASK)
Poland is preparing for war with Russia; the FSB is breaking up a “Polish network”; do not travel to Poland	The FSB statement as a provocation timed for 11.11 (MKSS, GSC); signs of staging (Disinfo Digest)
Poland is abandoning Ukraine (PURL, MiG-29), Ukrainians are criminals	The Pravda network pumps the “collapse of Polish-Ukrainian friendship” (CCD)
Ukraine may send drones over Poland under a false flag	The reverse: sabotage with “Ukrainian army” plates on Russia’s orders (National Prosecutor’s Office)

9 ANALYTICAL CONCLUSIONS
Assessment

1. Russia hijacked crises rather than causing them. The Tribunal crisis and Kraków are real events with false details attached. **Assessment** – layers: own count of Telegram/RIA/RT and NASK, Demagog, OKO.press.

2. Division of roles: officials set the frame, the agencies (RIA, RT) stick to facts in headlines but select the news; falsehoods are released by news channels and milbloggers, and bot networks and Pravda translate them into EU languages. **Assessment** – layers: RIA/RT headlines (no FOG) and Telegram (9 FOG posts).

3. Main goal: a wedge between Poland and Ukraine. **Assessment** – Demagog, Detector Media, Bot Blocker, GSC, Prosecutor's Office (sabotage with plates), RIA series on Ukrainians.

4. Second goal: undermining trust in the state (dictatorship, inept services), addressed to the Polish right. **Assessment** – Syto, Demagog, framing of the Tribunal crisis.

5. "Poland the aggressor" around Kaliningrad works mainly on audiences in Russia, while frightening Poles with war; the FSB statement on 11.11 fits this pattern. **Assessment** – CyberDefence24/Disinfo Digest, MKSS, own count.

6. Belarus plays softer (condolences, "dialogue") but maintains migration and historical pressure. **Assessment**, medium confidence – BelTA, RIA, RG, Syto.

7. The organic reach of the bots is small; real reach comes from Polish and Western accounts picking up the threads. **Single-source data** (Bot Blocker).

8. Coming days: in the event of a drone incident, expect a ready-made thesis of a Ukrainian false flag. **Assessment**, low confidence, one direct layer.

9. The thesis that Russia initiated the Tribunal crisis. **Speculation** – no evidence in open sources.

10 LIMITS OF THE FINDINGS

Gaps filled and gaps remaining

What was closed in version 2

- Telegram: I moved from a sample of approx. 20 hits per query to the full archive of 20 channels (12,940 posts). I verified all 9 FOG posts, including Mash (with the caveat "no confirmation") and WarGonzo (repeat on 9.11 after debunking).
- Agency websites: RIA (272), RT (123), RG (25 texts from November) counted and reviewed.
- VK: identified the Pravda network community "Pravda PL | Wiadomości z Polski" (vk.com/club221416200), which reprints Polish-language Telegram channels and Radio Belarus; its videos have 0–3 views.
- Belarus: BelTA (exhibition on the "Polish occupation", the border, PURL, detentions after Kraków), Lukashenko on migrants.
- Reports: Bot Blocker (Matryoshka and the Tribunal), Disinfo Digest (Rzeszów, FSB), CheckFirst (scale of Pravda), Meta, OpenAI, Linvill/Gnida.

What remains unverified

- VK: posts from the window not visible without logging in. No data
- TASS.ru, iz.ru: tag lists rendered with JavaScript or blocked; TASS counted only via Telegram (70 posts), Izvestia not at all. No data
- ONT and Belarus 1: not reviewed (video material without transcripts). No data
- TGStat and Telemetr: 403 without logging in, so no independent channel reach statistics. No data
- EUvsDisinfo database: results loaded by a script with browser verification; I found no entries on Poland from the window. Viginum, Microsoft MTAC, Google TAG, ISD: no publications on Poland in the window. No data
- The NASK/Ministry of Digital Affairs figures come from a single institution; the platforms did not say how much content they removed. Single-source data
- Whether the detentions announced by the FSB are real – no notification to Poland (as of 11.11). No data
- Medvedev_telegram: the preview shows 2 posts; his statements are taken from TASS and RIA.

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