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**The delegation of the Multinational Corps Northeast (MNC NE) headed by its Commander Lieutenant General Rainer Korff participated in 72nd commemoration of victims of Katyń crime at Central Cemetery in Szczecin on 16 April 2012.**

Representatives of regional and municipal authorities, clergy, families of those who lost family members in Katyń, the uniformed services including the MNC NE delegation, students and pupils of Szczecin schools as well as Szczecin inhabitants gathered at the Katyń Cross to pray and commemorate the tragic events of 1940 when more than 20 000 Polish prisoners of war were murdered by the Soviets. During the ceremony, which was celebrated in deep reflection, the MNC NE Commander Lieutenant General Rainer Korff, his Deputy Major General Bogusław Samol and Chief of Staff Brigadier General Morten Danielsson assisted by Danish, German and Polish Senior National Representatives laid wreaths at the Katyń Cross.

A part of the celebrations was also ceremonial unveiling of a plaque in commemoration of Andrzej Przewoźnik, the Secretary of the Council of Struggle Martyrdom Sites who tragically died as one of the victims of a plane crash of 10 April 2010 in Smoleńsk. After a common pray for all the victims of the crash, including the President of Poland Lech Kaczyński, his wife, prominent politicians, generals and other elite members of the society, the MNC NE delegation

and other participants of the ceremony laid flowers at the plaque.

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