



## Letter to the League of Nations

A force of darkness surrounds our nation. On the 1<sup>st</sup> of September, 1939 the wretched fascist German regime under the warmongering, accursed Adolph Hitler violated the sovereignty of our nation. Now, his soldiers fed on the jingoistic sentiment of Hegelian idiocy march on our soil intent on subjugating us as they have the Austrians and the Czechs.

The German war machine has already engaged with the valiant soldiers of Poland and is moving at lightning speed to encircle and capture the Free City of Danzig. Danzig remains the sole hope of any help reaching us from outside. It is a strategic supply line to our forces.

My advisors, whom I trust fully with the fate of my nation, have told me that we have sustained casualties of figures around 10,000 including more than 1200 civilians who resided in towns near the border.

We know of the inhumane conduct of the German forces by their actions in Austria and Czechoslovakia. I fear that my people shall suffer a similar fate.

However, given the rate of advance of the German machine and the brutality which they are unleashing on the soldiers and civilians on Poland, I must unfortunately inform the League of Nations that within a span of 48 hours the German army will make a breakthrough in our defences and capture Danzig. We estimate that they will encircle Poland within the next 24 hours of the fall of Danzig. Given this situation and the strain being put on the honourable soldiers of

Poland by the Wehrmacht I write this letter with the utmost sense of urgency.

I possess in my soul a deep respect for the institution that is the League of Nations and in these desperate times of need do solemnly request any and all member nations of the League of Nations who do hold sympathy for our struggle and see the Reich for what it truly is to take up arms against them and aid us in the defence of Poland.

Today, they unleash their fury on our people; tomorrow they shall do so on other European nations. In his greedy quest for living space, Hitler is ready and willing to bring war upon us all. For the sake of stability, peace and humanity I ask with utmost humility for the support of all nations against the Reich not only in words but in actions, lest a maelstrom of death and destruction consume us all.

Respectfully,  
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Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland.