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TEXT TEXT:

[FBIS TRANSLATED TEXT] POLAND: COMMITTEE WARNS AGAINST  
 REVIVAL OF UFO SECT

A NATIONAL SECT-MONITORING COMMITTEE HAS ISSUED A WARNING ABOUT  
 THE REVIVAL OF AN "APOCALYPTIC POLISH SECT" CALLED ANTROVIS. IT  
 SEES SALVATION IN THE LANDING OF UFOS ON A SOUTHERN POLISH MOUNTAIN  
 AND HAS BEEN LINKED TO THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCES OF INDIVIDUALS.  
 THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A REPORT BY THE POLISH INTERNATIONAL  
 SATELLITE TV SERVICE ON 7TH NOVEMBER:

[PRESENTER] THE POLISH APOCALYPTIC SECT ANTROVIS IS RENEWING ITS  
 ACTIVITIES, THE NATIONWIDE COMMITTEE FOR DEFENCE AGAINST SECTS  
 [OKOPS] IS WARNING. THE DISCIPLES BELIEVE THAT THE WORLD WILL BE  
 SAVED BY LITTLE MEN FROM FLYING SAUCERS. THE SECT WAS NOTORIOUS AT  
 THE START OF THE 1990S, WHEN IT WAS ALSO JOINED BY PEOPLE WITH  
 ACADEMIC TITLES. UNDER PRESSURE FROM THE PRESS, IT OFFICIALLY  
 TERMINATED ITS ACTIVITY IN 1994.

[REPORTER] THE SECT PREACHES THAT LITTLE MEN FROM FLYING SAUCERS  
 WHO WILL LAND ON THE SLEZA MOUNTAIN [LOWER SILESIA - SOUTHWESTERN  
 POLAND] WILL RESCUE THE MEMBERS OF THE SECT. THE REST OF THE  
 INHABITANTS OF THE EARTH FACE EXTERMINATION.

BUT CAN SUCH A FAITH THREATEN LIFE AND HEALTH? FOR SEVEN YEARS,  
 THIS WOMAN HAS BEEN SEARCHING FOR HER SON. THE 17 YEAR-OLD ANDRZEJ  
 ATTENDED LECTURES ORGANIZED BY THE SECT. HE TOOK NOTES. IN A DIARY  
 HE LEFT BEHIND, HIS MOTHER READ: I CAN NO LONGER PSYCHOLOGICALLY  
 BEAR THE PRESSURE OF THE END OF THE WORLD. LOVE IS A DESTRUCTIVE  
 FORCE.

[ANDRZEJ'S MOTHER - ON-SCREEN CAPTION] AT A LECTURE HE  
 DISCOVERED THAT WHEN THE SPACESHIPS COME AND THE EVACUATIONS START,  
 ONLY THE CHOSEN ONES WHO DESERVE IT WILL BE EVACUATED FROM THE  
 EARTH AND SAVED FROM THE EARTH, THAT IS THE MEMBERS OF ANTROVIS.  
 BUT THEY WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO BE EVACUATED ALONE, WITHOUT THEIR  
 CLOSE ONES AND WITHOUT THEIR FAMILIES. AND THAT IS WHY IT WOULD BE  
 BEST FOR THEM TO BREAK OFF ALL RELATIONS WITH THEIR FAMILIES NOW.

[RYSZARD NOWAK, HEAD OF THE OKOPS] IT ABOVE ALL LEADS TO A  
 SITUATION WHERE THE ADEPTS GIVE UP THEIR PROPERTY, GIVE THEIR  
 PROPERTY TO THE SECT. SECONDLY, THEY ORDER PEOPLE TO LEAVE THEIR  
 FAMILY, LEAVE SCHOOL, WORK, AND COME CLOSE TO HUMAN DEATH. IF YOU  
 HAVE A SICK ORGAN, THEN WE WILL REPLACE IT FOR YOU.

[REPORTER] THE PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE IN SZCZECIN  
 [NORTHWESTERN POLAND] LINKED THE ACTIVITIES OF THIS SECT TO THE  
 DEATH OF BOGUSLAW T., WHO WAS FISHED OUT OF THE RIVER ODER TWO

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YEARS AGO. THE MAN HAD BEEN CASTRATED.

[NOWAK] WE HAVE PROOF THAT THE ANTROVIS SECT IS REVIVING. AND THE PROOF OF THIS IS PUBLICATIONS, THE BOOKS THAT IT IS PUBLISHING BOTH IN POLAND AND ABROAD. THEY ALSO WRITE ARTICLES, AND IN SERIOUS WEEKLIES AND MONTHLIES AT THAT. BUT PLEASE NOTE THAT THEY ARE GOING TO SCHOOLS, THEY ARE GOING TO HIGHER EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND HOLDING LECTURES THERE.

[REPORTER] THE OKOPS ESTIMATES THAT THERE ARE BETWEEN 500 AND 1,000 SECTS ACTIVE IN POLAND. IT IS ENOUGH TO HAVE 100 BELIEVERS TO REGISTER A CHURCH, BUT FOR AN ASSOCIATION 15 MEMBERS ARE ENOUGH. NONETHELESS, MOST SECTS DO NOT REGISTER THEIR ACTIVITY, SINCE THIS WAY IT IS MORE DIFFICULT TO PROVE ANYTHING AGAINST THEM.

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