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Polish consulate shelling a provocation - BBN head

The shelling of the Polish consulate in Lutsk, north-western Ukraine, is a very alarming signal and "undoubtedly a provocation", the head of Poland's National Security Bureau (BBN), Pawel Soloch, said on Wednesday.

The Polish consulate in Lutsk was shelled on Tuesday night. "This was probably a grenade launcher. The shell hit the last floor and left an around 70-centimetre hole", Poland's consul Krzysztof Sawicki told PAP in a telephone conversation.

The incident took place some thirty minutes after midnight local time (23.30 hrs on Tuesday in Poland). Security guards were the only persons at the consulate. No one was injured.

Soloch said that at the moment he only had information published by mass media at his disposal.

"This is a very alarming situation. The consulate is not far from the Polish border in western Ukraine", the official said.

Asked about the reaction of the Polish authorities, Soloch said that it was first necessary to examine all the circumstances surrounding the incident. "Undoubtedly, this is a provocation. The question is: who and why? We know the context: Russia's aggression against Ukraine", he added.

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