

Corruption Scheme in Lublin

Officers of the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau have detained the Deputy Mayor of Lublin and six other individuals in connection with an investigation into abuse of authority for the purpose of obtaining financial benefits and unlawfully influencing a public procurement procedure. The proceedings are supervised by the National Prosecutor's Office – the Lublin Branch Office of the Department for Organized Crime and Corruption.

On 14 January 2026, CBA officers from the Regional Offices of the CBA in Lublin, Białystok, Rzeszów and Warsaw detained seven individuals on the order of the National Prosecutor's Office, Lublin Branch Office of the Department for Organized Crime and Corruption. Among those detained are the Deputy Mayor of Lublin, a director and a manager of one of the departments of the Lublin City Hall, as well as entrepreneurs from the event industry.

CBA officers secured documentation at several dozen locations. During the activities, evidence was seized in the form of electronic devices and extensive documentation.

Investigation findings

The preparatory proceedings conducted by officers of the Regional Office of the CBA in Lublin concern suspected abuse of authority and bid rigging. The scheme allegedly involved unlawfully exerting influence over the decisions of a public official in connection with the preparation and award of a public procurement contract.

According to the findings, the detainees allegedly determined the procedure and value of the contract and directed requests for quotations to preselected entities, which resulted in the selection of a predetermined contractor. The Deputy Mayor is also

alleged to have accepted a financial benefit in the form of VIP tickets.

Entrepreneurs from the event industry are alleged to have participated in bid-rigging schemes in public procurement proceedings aimed at ensuring the award of contracts to a preselected entity, including by feigning competition. The entrepreneurs are also alleged to have unlawfully exerted influence on local government officials and to have given and promised to give financial benefits.

Charges and preventive measures

The detainees were brought before the National Prosecutor's Office, Lublin Branch Office of the Department for Organized Crime and Corruption. The prosecutor brought charges against three officials of the Lublin City Hall, including the Deputy Mayor of Lublin, of abuse of authority and unlawfully influencing public procurement procedures. The detained entrepreneurs were charged with bribery, interference in public procurement procedures, and unlawfully exerting influence on local government officials.

Preventive measures were applied to six suspects, including financial bail and police supervision involving a ban on contacting other suspects. In addition, two officials, including the Deputy Mayor of Lublin, were suspended from official duties. One of the suspect entrepreneurs was also subjected to a ban on leaving the territory of the Republic of Poland.

The investigation is ongoing

This is the first operational phase in the proceedings. The case is still developing, and further procedural steps are planned.

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