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by Wilhelm Sasnal.

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a founding member and president of the “Never Again” Association and the editor-in-chief of the “Never Again” magazine.

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Register of hate-related incidents (racist, xenophobic, neo-fascist etc.) between January 2013 and February 2014. Edited by Marcin Kornak in collaboration with Anna Tatar.

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