

Ladies and Gentlemen!

The beginning of the 21st century is undoubtedly the time of dynamic civilization development, growth of productive forces, as well as new opportunities to counteract emerging problems. Unfortunately, simultaneously to these favourable phenomena we also face those that disintegrate the lives of both individual people and social groups, nations and the entire international community. The intensification of threats in the area of security must followed by a global review of the concept of security, - traditionally considered as relating to a given entity, it is now a much broader one. It includes, among others, political, military, economic, technical, ecological, social, health and humanitarian aspects. In the era of all these dynamic changes, however, something has remained unchanged. It is the desire for a sense of security, which is one of the fundamental human needs.

Today in the area of security we deal not only with new threats, but also with questions about the effective ways of counteracting new, dangerous phenomena. Organizational activities in this area are a permanent process, and the states implementing them should use the most effective methods and means. It is therefore essential to constantly and critically reflect on how the security system should be constructed. In this respect, a valuable contribution is made by research and scientific initiatives, which lay the theoretical foundations and indicate directions.

For over a decade, one of such initiatives has been the periodical “Internal Security Review” published by the Internal Security Agency, which has issued many scientific articles devoted to the security of the state. The periodical’s content is selected in such a way as to present the issues in question as fully and as currently as possible, taking into account the diversity of opinions and approaches to the matter in question.

In this issue of the “Internal Security Review” you will find articles devoted to, inter alia, the origins and assumptions of the Russian concept of forced migration engineering and its practical application, with particular emphasis

on the role of secret services in such activities; the actions of the Belarusian authorities against the social rebellion caused by the rigged elections in 2020; a new category of threat to the economic security of the state, which is the phenomenon of creating and disseminating fake news; legal approach to the tasks carried out by the Armed Forces of the Republic of Poland in order to counteract terrorist threats in the airspace and in maritime areas, and an attempt to answer the question whether eco-terrorism is declining. You can also read the review of the monograph entitled “Legal aspects of the functioning of secret services on the example of the Internal Security Agency”, edited by Piotr Burczaniuk PhD and extracts of a master theses awarded in the competition of the Head of the Internal Security Agency.

I would like to thank all the authors, reviewers and editors for the substantive and organizational effort put into this issue of the “Internal Security Review”. It is a great pleasure for me to present this issue to the Reader.

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