
POLAND REVIVES GERMAN WAR REPARATIONS DEMAND

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Eight years after the end of the Second World War, Poland renounced its claim to reparations from Germany. But its parliament is ignoring that and is once again calling on Berlin to pay up. EURACTIV Germany reports.

More than 72 years after the end of WW2, Germany is facing calls to make reparations. The scientific commission of Polands lower house is examining ways to get it done, with analysis set to be completed by 11 August.

Under the then Mayor of Warsaw, Lech Kaczyński, the twin brother of the current leader of the ruling party, Jarosław Kaczyński, the cost of the war was estimated to have been \$45.3bn for the capital alone.

It is not true that Poland has renounced reparations from Germany, Defence Minister Antoni Macierewicz told Polish television.

Greece puts a figure on Nazi reparations claims

Greeces deputy finance minister said yesterday (6 April) Germany owes Greece nearly billion in reparations for the Nazi occupation of the country.

But in August 1953, Poland did give up trying to secure reparations, in order to further contribute to the German issue of spirit of democracy and peace, said the German governments deputy spokesperson, Ulrike Demmer.

She added that Germany was indeed morally, politically and financially responsible for what it had done in the past, but insisted that the issue of reparations was already regulated by law and policy.

However, Macierewicz claimed that the former Polish Peoples Republic was just like the East German state, the DDR, in that it was just a puppet nation controlled by the Soviet Union right up until 1989.

Without any discussion, Poles are due war reparations from the Germans, the defence minister warned, potentially damaging already-strained relations between Berlin and Warsaw.

Poland still refuses to take part in the EUs refugee redistribution scheme and the European Commission has launched an infringement procedure based on Polands controversial reforms of the judiciary system.

EU opens sanctions procedure against Hungary, Poland and Czech Republic over refugees

The EU launched legal action yesterday (13 June) against Hungary, Poland and the Czech Republic for refusing to take in their share of refugees under a controversial solidarity plan.

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