Poland: Committee Warns Against Revival of UFO Sect

A national sect-monitoring committee has issued a warning about the revival of an "apocalyptic Polish sect" called Antrovis. It sees salvation in the landing of UFOs on a southern Polish mountain and has been linked to the alleged disappearances of individuals. The following is the text of a report by the Polish international satellite TV service on 7th November.

[Presenter] The Polish apocalyptic sect Antrovis is renewing its activities. The nationwide committee for defence against sects [OKOPS] is warning. The disciples believe that the world will be saved by little men from flying saucers. The sect was notorious at the start of the 1990s. When it was also joined by people with academic titles. Under pressure from the press, it officially terminated its activity in 1994.

[Reporter] The sect preaches that little men from flying saucers who will land on the Slezka Mountain [Lower Silesia - southwestern Poland] to rescue the members of the sect. The rest of the inhabitants of the Earth face extermination.

But can such a faith threaten life and health? For seven years, this woman has been searching for her son. The 17-year-old Andrzej attended lectures organized by the sect. He took notes. In a diary, he left behind, his mother read: I can no longer psychologically bear the pressure of the end of the world. Love is a destructive force.

[Andrzej's mother - on-screen caption] at a lecture he discovered that when the spaceships come and the evacuations start, only the chosen ones who deserve it will be evacuated from the Earth and that is the members of Antrovis. But they will only be able to be evacuated alone, without their close ones and without their families. And that is why it would be best for them to break off all relations with their families now.

[Reporter] The provincial prosecutor's office in Szczecin [northwestern Poland] linked the activities of this sect to the death of Boguslaw T., who was fished out of the river Oder two months ago.

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YEARS AGO, THE MAN HAD BEEN CASTRATED.

[NOWAK] WE HAVE PROOF THAT THE ANTROVIS SECT IS REVIVING. AND
THE PROOF OF THIS IS PUBLICATIONS, THE BOOKS THAT IT IS PUBLISHING
BOTH IN POLAND AND ABROAD. THEY ALSO WRITE ARTICLES, AND IN SERIOUS
WEEKLIES AND MONTHLIES AT THAT. BUT PLEASE NOTE THAT THEY ARE GOING
TO SCHOOLS, THEY ARE GOING TO HIGHER EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND
HOLDING LECTURES THERE.

[REPORTER] THE OKOPS ESTIMATES THAT THERE ARE BETWEEN 500 AND
1,000 SECTS ACTIVE IN POLAND. IT IS ENOUGH TO HAVE 100 BELIEVERS TO
REGISTER A CHURCH, BUT FOR AN ASSOCIATION 15 MEMBERS ARE ENOUGH.
NONETHELESS, MOST SECTS DO NOT REGISTER THEIR ACTIVITY, SINCE THIS
WAY IT IS MORE DIFFICULT TO PROVE ANYTHING AGAINST THEM.

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