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STATEMENT

In connection with the case of the cardiologist from the hospital of the Ministry of Interior and Administration in Warsaw, the Helsinki Committee in Poland calls on state officials, as well as journalists and commentators, to preserve the elementary principles guaranteeing the binding force of presumption of innocence for suspects and the accused. The rash and premature passing of verdicts by high-ranking state officials responsible for law and order, and the use of preliminary investigation findings for the purpose of propaganda, is not conducive to the observance of binding procedures and may lead to the violation of the principles of the state of law and infringements of human rights. The court is the only institution authorized to rule on any alleged guilt in criminal cases following a fair trial.

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