

Do you think that genocides are committed only by degenerates? That Rwanda, with its bloody, fratricidal spectacle is a story told about a distant past that can never happen again, because it simply cannot happen? Because Poland is not like Africa? Do you think you are free from the danger of manipulation? That nobody is able to force you to commit evil? Can one become a murderer even if one has not actually killed anyone?

for example, in the name of the 'fight against civilisation of death', if there is such propaganda, do we have here an incitement to violence? No matter where and what colour of skin their presenters and guests are. We have in Poland such media. Journalist Marcin Kaćki recently wrote a play: 'The Enemy is Born', first shown on the 30th of March at the Horzyca Theatre in Toruń. This is a play about hate speech in Radio Maryja in Toruń. The same evening, crowds

recent victim was President Pawel Adamowicz. More potential 'Tutsis' were identified, but the crowd has not had enough.

For violence, the one with rapes, murders and corpses (such as it is in reality), to spill out broadly, we require the conviction of moral superiority of the thousands of listeners and viewers, their fear of the rapidly changing face of the world combined with the sense of injustice as well as,

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This last question came from the defence lawyer of the presenter from the Free Radio of the Thousand Hills in Rwanda, tried by the International Criminal Tribunal. At the time of the genocide in, this radio was called 'the hate radio', because in 1994 it openly encouraged to massacre the 'vermin' Tutsi. The presenter, European, Georges Ruggiu used to be a social security worker in Belgium. He came to Rwanda as a tourist and enchanted by the beauty of this part of the world, he stayed. He met people from the Hutu party, started to work at the radio station (quite accidentally) and while presenting musical programmes, he became involved (only verbally!) in the ethnic conflict. He was convicted to 12 years imprisonment.

Can one become a murderer even if one has actually not killed anyone? One can indeed. Steering people's minds to 'settle conflicts' means collusion in the act of killing.

If there is radio and television repeatedly and stubbornly broadcasting that a person or some group of people should be excluded from the society in the name of the good of the others, in defence of 'our world' or

of nationalists men and women, convinced of their own infallibility, carrying burning torches in their hands, stood around Jasna Góra Cloister, listening to the praises uttered by the Catholic clergy.

It is very easy today to harbour bad emotions. We are in the middle of a growing social conflict from the factors, which never before had taken place: globalism, omni-present internet, common dependency on the modern means of communication (Marcin Kaćki). This conflict is soaked with hate speech. Now shamelessly published right in the eyes of everyone, in social media, signed with full names of their authors conveying horrible, shattering words. History shows (because history cannot yet teach), that the acts of genocide are possible, because of the acquired popular consent for extermination. Every time it happened in the past, it was in slightly different, unrelated circumstances. At present, an ordinary person can again become an instrument of murder. Most

what is important, the belief in quick solutions. This is what we already have. 'Enough to promise a better life and to sort out the alleged perpetrators of all misfortunes' – warns Marcin Kaćki. For the mechanism of acquiescence for the 'cleansing' is frighteningly similar, despite political differences and historical details. In contemporary Poland, the conditions for the renaissance of fascism have already been created –stated recently prof. Joanna Tokarska-Bakir. The same is happening in USA, France or Great Britain, can we take it at ease though?

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Polish Nationalists on Jasna Góra monastery. 30th March 2019. Photo: Aleksandra Perzyńska