

JÓZEF BANASIK

Kielce, 13 May 1948, 2.00 p. m. Stefan Młodawski from the Criminal Investigation Section of the Citizens' Militia Station in Kielce, on the instruction of the Deputy Prosecutor from the District Court Prosecutor's Office, Kielce Region, dated 20 March 1948, no. 48/47, with the participation of court reporter Marian Poniewierka, interviewed the person named below as a witness. Having been advised of the criminal liability for making false declarations and of the wording of Article 140 of the Penal Code, the witness testified as follows:

Name and surname	Banasik Józef
Parents' names	Jan and Anna, née Moskal
Age	70 years old
Date and place of birth	8 March 1878, Kielce
Religious affiliation	Roman Catholic
Occupation	shoemaker
Place of residence	Kielce [...]

On 15 October 1943, I was arrested by the German Gestapo and incarcerated in the prison in Kielce. I was imprisoned in cell no. 8, which was for political prisoners.

After some time Józef Niedziela was brought to the cell, and he stayed in the same cell with me for about three months. One morning towards the end of 1943, the Gestapo took eight prisoners from our cell (I do not remember their surnames). Before evening that day the Gestapo men took Józef Niedziela and [...] from our cell. In the corridor, they were both tied up and they never returned to the cell.

As supper was being served, I noticed thirteen pairs of shoes in the corridor. I recognized Józef Niedziela's shoes, and therefore I knew that Józef Niedziela was already dead. I do not

know what Józef Niedziela and Zep were accused of, I only saw how Niedziela was taken for interrogation and how he would come back after them not resembling a human being.

In the prison in Kielce, the following Gestapo men were the torturers: 1) Sliske, who had one stripe; 2) Fos, the chauffeur. These two were the most dangerous torturers in the prison.

The report was read out.