



COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

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**H.E.
Mr Emil Savov Yalnazov
Ambassador of Bulgaria
in Warsaw**

Your Excellency,

I take this opportunity to express my deep concern in connection with shocking news about the attack in the street of Sofia on Mr Krassimir Kanev, Head of the Bulgarian Helsinki Committee and prominent human rights activist.

In my capacity as the Commissioner for Human Rights of Poland I wish to express my words of solidarity and full support for the activities of Mr Krassimir Kanev who personally suffered for his work and commitment to the principles of democracy and human rights values in Bulgaria.

I strongly condemn this act of violence and I believe that the authorities of Bulgaria will undertake specific measures in response to this tragic event and will counteract all forms of threats used against human rights defenders.

With the assurances of my highest consideration,

Yours sincerely,

Bodnar