

'Warsawgate' Hearing to open on Tuesday 8th October

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Civil case number IC 976/11 will receive its first hearing at the Warsaw District Court on Tuesday 8th October.
The plaintiff is
Poland's
answer to
Edward Snowden
, Mr
Zdzislaw Kmetko
who has been forced into exile from his native land.

The defendants in the proceedings are Prime Minister Donald Tusk, the State Treasury of the Republic of Poland, the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare and the social security authority of Poland
who are being sued for a combined total of
forty billion US dollars
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It is the sheer scale of the damages being claimed that have led to the case being dubbed as "Warsawgate".

The complaint for this civil action was filed with the Warsaw District Court on 23 September 2011 by Mr Zdzislaw Kmetko
who is seeking legal redress in order to clear his name and compensation for damages both to his reputation and to his business that he says he has suffered as a result of orchestrated and systematic harassment by the state.

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His story dates back to the early 1990s when he established what became the biggest haulage company in Poland, employing 7,000 people.

He claims that in 1993, the Polish state wrongfully seized his business assets, including 300 trucks, and that his bank accounts were illegally blocked. He was subsequently arrested and detained in custody, although no criminal charges were ever laid against him.

It is claimed that this led to the calculated ruination of his former transport business, resulting in massive job cuts and huge losses for the national economy.

The case has wider implications for the EU as it illustrates a serious example of the cynical application of selective justice and targeted politically motivated harassment against a businessman. Public documents relating the facts of the case are available from the internet website <http://www.kmetkostory.info>

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