

Jan Karski Memorial

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Last year, as you remember, one session of Estoril Political Forum was dedicated to the Jan Karski Memorial and to his outstanding activity during the Holocaust, reporting on Warsaw ghetto and other locations of the horrors, atrocities and systematic slaughter of the Jews by the German Nazis.

He became committed to perpetuating the memory of the Holocaust victims.

I said, during the memorial session, that in June 1982 'Yad Vashem' recognized Jan Karski as "Righteous among the Nations". Although he had not saved individual Jews, the institute decided that he had risked his life in order to alert the world to the murderous events. Later on, he became an honorary citizen of the State of Israel. I also mentioned that one of the benches, which were made by the Polish sculptor Karol Badya, is located on the campus of Tel Aviv University in Israel.

Professor Bronislaw Misztal, my colleague Ambassador of the Republic of Poland in Lisbon declared about the plan of placing the same statue here, which we are inaugurating today.

I would like to commend all those involved in bringing this plan to realization, among them the Embassy of the Republic of Poland, Cascais City Hall and many others.

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