

SUMMARY OF THE DOCTORAL DISSERTATION

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Characteristics of the dissertation:

The dissertation presents a description of the conducted research, which focused on the preparation of personal and property protection agencies to operate in conditions of external threats to state security and during wartime.

The dissertation consists of: an introduction, five chapters, a conclusion, bibliography, appendix, and summaries in Polish and English.

Chapter One, entitled *"Research Assumptions"*. This chapter presents the justification for choosing the research topic, defines the subject and objectives of the study, and formulates the primary research problem along with subsidiary hypotheses. It also includes a detailed description of the methods, techniques, and research tools employed, which constitute the theoretical foundation for subsequent analyses.

In Chapter Two, *"Characteristics of National Defense Preparedness in Poland"*. The chapter examines the essence and scope of defense preparedness within the context of national security. It discusses both the theoretical underpinnings and the legal framework governing defense preparations, with particular emphasis on both external and internal threats that impact the functionality of the state's defense system.

Chapter Three, entitled *"The Potential of Security Agencies"*. This chapter focuses on the analysis of the historical and contemporary conditions under which security agencies operate, including an evaluation of their human, material, and organizational resources. It assesses the role of these entities in performing tasks related to public safety and underscores their significance as a complementary element within the national defense system.

Chapter Four, titled *"Security Agencies within the National Defense System of the Republic of Poland"*. In this section, an in-depth analysis is conducted on the integration of

security agencies into Poland's national defense system. Both legal-organizational aspects and the practical potential of utilizing these entities in fulfilling defense tasks are considered. The chapter emphasizes the importance of public-private cooperation and highlights the need to adapt existing solutions to a dynamically changing security environment.

The Final Chapter, Chapter Five, entitled *"Areas for Enhancing the Preparedness of Security Agencies for External Threats and Wartime Conditions"* The concluding chapter offers recommendations for improving the operational readiness of security agencies in crisis situations. It identifies key domains—legal, managerial, and logistical—that require refinement. Integrating empirical research findings with theoretical analysis, the chapter provides concrete proposals aimed at increasing the efficiency of private entities in executing defense-related tasks during emergencies.

The conclusion of the dissertation encapsulates the key issues examined and synthesizes the findings presented in the preceding chapters. Additionally, it offers proposed solutions pertaining to areas identified as requiring improvement, with the aim of enhancing the preparedness of private security agencies to operate effectively under conditions of external threats to national security and in times of war.

The dissertation concludes with a bibliography containing a collection of literature that formed the basis for this work, as well as lists of charts, tables, figures, and photographs. The work also includes an appendix with a survey questionnaire used for conducting research, and summaries of the dissertation in Polish and English.