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The Holocaust in Ukraine – Christian Leaders

Translation: *D04 Friedrich Katzmann, SS and Police Leader in the Galicia District of the General Government, and Governor Otto Wächter Announce that Hiding Jews Carries the Death Penalty, 3 June 3, 1943.*

WARNING!

Following recent incidents, it is once again necessary to refer to the prohibition on accommodating Jews in houses and flats of the non-Jewish population. Whoever knowingly harbours a Jew, in particular unauthorised accommodates, feeds or hides Jews outside the Jewish residential area, will – pursuant to § 3 of the Police Order issued by the Higher SS and Police Leader in the General Government regarding the formation of Jewish residential areas from 10.XI.1942 – be **punished by death**.

Based on the same provision, security police measures will be taken against anyone who obtains knowledge and fails to notify the police that a Jew is staying unauthorised outside his residential area. In particular, every house owner, caretaker, entrepreneur, flat and business owner is responsible that Jews do not find a hiding place in buildings or parts of buildings under their control.

All information as to unauthorised residing by Jews is to be immediately passed on to the closest police station.

Should information lead to the arrest of Jews, upon application a reward can be granted, the amount of which is set by the SS and Police Leader.

Lviv, 3 June 1943

The Governor of the Galicia District

The SS and Police Leader

sig. Katzmann

SS Group Leader and General Lieutenant of the Police