

‘Poland will be WHITE’. Far-right groups hijack Independence march

FAR-RIGHT groups joined Government officials as they were allowed to take part in a march celebrating Polish independence.

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The fascist march, which was signed of by Government officials, will go ahead today as the country celebrates its Independence Day.

Critics have accused Poland's ruling Law and Justice Party of legitimising extremist views after representatives for President Andrzej Duda and Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki said they will march jointly with the groups.

Police have estimated 200,000 people will be at the rally today – well over double the 60,000 that attended last year.

In 2017, marchers called for a “White Europe” and “racial purity”, with some organisers describing themselves as “race separatists”.

Previous slogans have included: “F*** off with the refugees”, “Not red, not rainbow but national Poland”, “One nation across the borders”, and “F*** Antifa”.

There was an attempt by the mayor of Warsaw to ban this year's event amid fears there would be similar scenes.

Hanna Gronkiewicz-Waltz banned it citing security concerns, but added: “Warsaw has already suffered enough due to aggressive nationalism.”

However, a court overturned the banning order, allowing the march to go ahead.

Rafal Pankowski, a sociologist from Collegium Civitas and a co-founder of the anti-racist Never Again association, said the face far-right groups and government figures are co-operating on any level is worrying.

He said: “The cooperation between state institutions and extremists from the National Radical Camp is a legitimisation of a dangerous, extreme nationalist ideology and a reflection of a crisis of democracy.”

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