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## Protection of Poland's Eastern Border

With the suppression of the freedom protests of Belarusian society in 2020, the domination of the Russian Federation in Belarus achieved by means of economic and military dependence became entrenched. This enabled Vladimir Putin's regime to take further steps aimed at trying to rebuild the empire in a territorial shape similar to that achieved by the Soviet Union after World War II. A few months before the invasion of Ukraine, which began on 24 February 2022, Russia intensified its efforts to destabilise European countries. The main method has been to provoke artificial migration crises, similar to those which previously violated the borders of the Scandinavian and Baltic countries. In the summer of 2021, in cooperation with the regime of Alexander Lukashenka, Russia began to use the territory of Belarus as a centre of migration pressure. Since then, masses of migrants wishing to reach Western Europe, deliberately brought mainly from Muslim countries, have been concentrated by the Belarusian security apparatus near the border with Poland. When persuading people to breach it, Belarussian officers provide information on the movements of the Polish Border Guard monitored by their intelligence.

They equip the migrants violating the border with tools to destroy the fencing and attack the officers guarding the Polish territory. The propaganda of the post-Soviet states has been highlighting the organized migratory pressure as an alleged humanitarian crisis. These actions have triggered the expected response in some opinion-forming circles. The effectiveness of the agents of influence collapsed after Russia's armed attack on Ukraine, which exposed the artificially created crisis as part of the same expansion scheme.

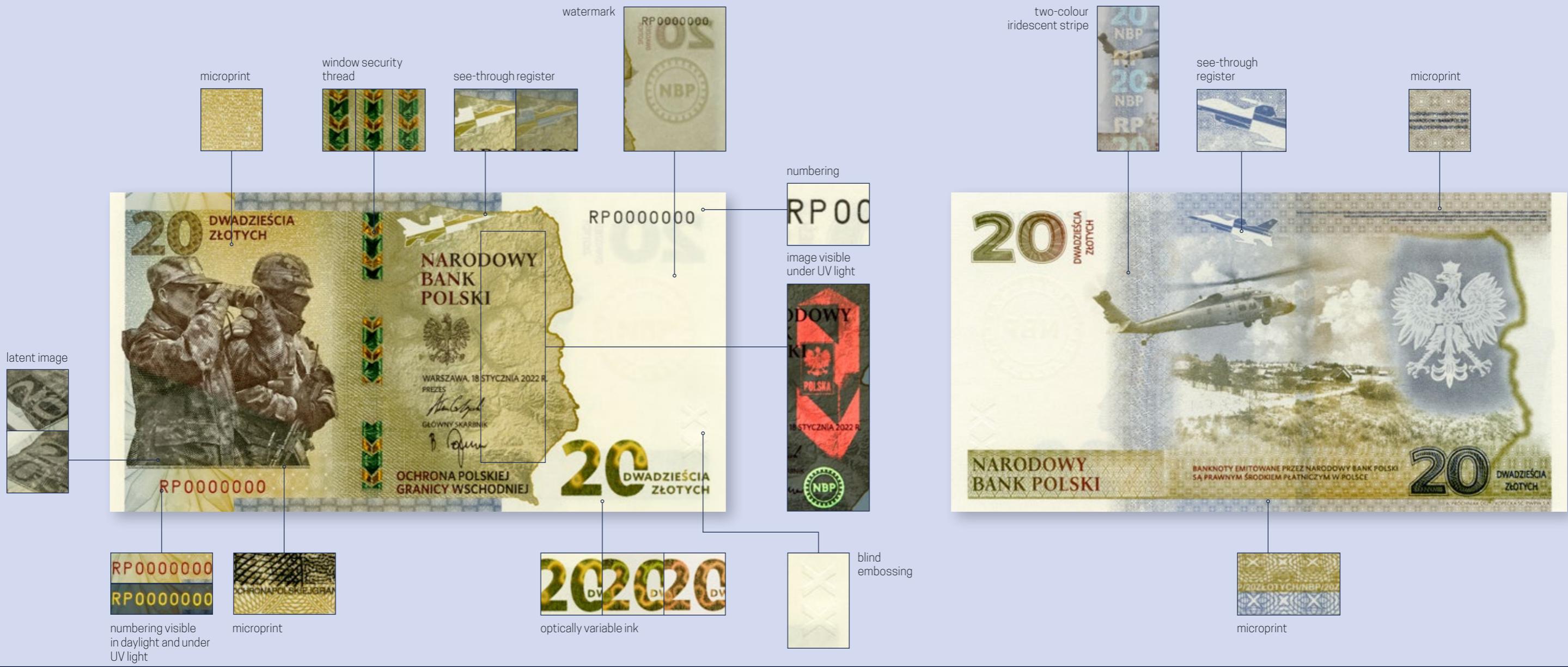
Thanks to the professionalism and dedication of the Border Guard, the Police and the Polish Army, the actions of the Russian and Belarusian regimes are being effectively thwarted. Those guarding Poland's security perfectly distinguish between real refugees and voluntary vehicles of aggression. The expertise of the formations guarding the territory of Poland has been confirmed by their resistance to daily provocations, as well as in their humane and empathetic approach to migrants, including those resorting to violence.

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NBP collector banknote

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### Face value: 20 zł

On 19 July 2022, Narodowy Bank Polski is putting into circulation a collector banknote “Protection of Poland’s Eastern Border”, with a face value of 20 złoty.

**Dimensions:** 150 mm × 77 mm  
**Volume:** up to 80,000 pcs  
**Designer:** Agnieszka Próchniak  
**Issuer:** NBP

**Manufacturer:** Polish Security Printing Works (PWPW S.A.), on behalf of NBP

The front side of the banknote features silhouettes of a Border Guard officer and a Polish Army soldier as well as a fragment of the map of Poland.

The back side of the banknote features the image of the Eagle established as the state emblem of the Republic of Poland, based on the image found on the Polish

border post, and a Police helicopter against the landscape of the areas located at Poland’s eastern border.