

Auschwitz prisoners' message uncovered

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WARSAW, Poland -- Construction workers in southern Poland have found a message in a bottle written 65 years ago by prisoners in the Nazi Auschwitz camp, Polish Radio said.

The message, written on what appeared to be a torn-off piece of a paper cement pack, was found in the wall of a school building in the southern city of Oswiecim that is now being reconstructed, the radio said Tuesday.

The building that is now used as a school during World War II was an air raid shelter that was part of the Nazi death camp in Auschwitz.

The short message was written Sept. 20, 1944. It said six young Poles and one Frenchman built the air shelter. The message gave the names and camp numbers of the seven boys, aged between 18 and 20.

The message will be given to the Auschwitz-Birkenau museum, the Polish newspaper Dziennik said.

Nazi German troops built the Auschwitz death camp on the outskirts of Oswiecim, near Krakow. More than 1 million Jews, Poles, Gypsies and others were put to death from 1940 to 1945.

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