



Radosław Sikorski was born in Bydgoszcz in 1963. He is a graduate of Oxford University (Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts) in philosophy, political studies and economy (PPE). He was the chairman of the Student's Strike Committee during the events of March 1981. Between 1981 and 1989 he was a political refugee in Great Britain. Between 1986 and 1989 he worked as a reporter covering the wars in Afghanistan and Angola. Sikorski is a prize winner of the World Press Photo competition for his picture from Afghanistan in the category of news photography.

After the demise of the communism, he returned to Poland to help build new fully democratic and free state. In 1992, still in his twenties, as the Deputy Minister of National Defence, Radosław Sikorski was involved in the efforts to bring about Poland's accession to NATO.

In 1998-2001 he served as an Under-Secretary of State at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Chairman of the Council of the Foundation for Assistance to Poles in the East.

Between 2002 and 2005 he was a resident fellow at the American Institute of Enterprise in Washington and Executive and Director of the New Atlantic Initiative.

Radosław Sikorski is the editor of „European Outlook”, a cycle of analytical publications, and an organizer of international conferences on UN reform, the future of NATO and the 25th anniversary of Solidarity.

He has testified as an Atlantic affairs expert before the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the US House of Representatives. He is also a columnist and commentator for major Polish and foreign media. He is the author of the following books: „Strefa zdekomunizowana – Wywiad rzeka z Radkiem Sikorskim” („Decommunised Zone – Extended Interview”), „Prochy świętych - podróż do Heratu w czas wojny” („Dust of the Saints - A Journey to Herat in Time of War”) and „The Polish House - An Intimate History of Poland”.

He was the Senator for Bydgoszcz from 2005 to 2007 (6th term of the Senate). From 2005-2007 Radosław Sikorski served as the Minister of National Defence.

Radosław Sikorski was Gazeta Polska's „Man of the Year 2005” and a laureate of Polish TV award „Wiktor 2006” in the category of the most popular politician. He has been awarded the „Merited for Culture” medal.

He was reelected to the Parliament in 2007 (7th term of the Sejm), running as a Civic Platform candidate. In Donald Tusk's government he performs the function of the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Radosław Sikorski is married to journalist and writer Anne Applebaum, who won the 2004 Pulitzer prize for her book „Gulag: A History”. They have two sons: Aleksander and Tadeusz.

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