

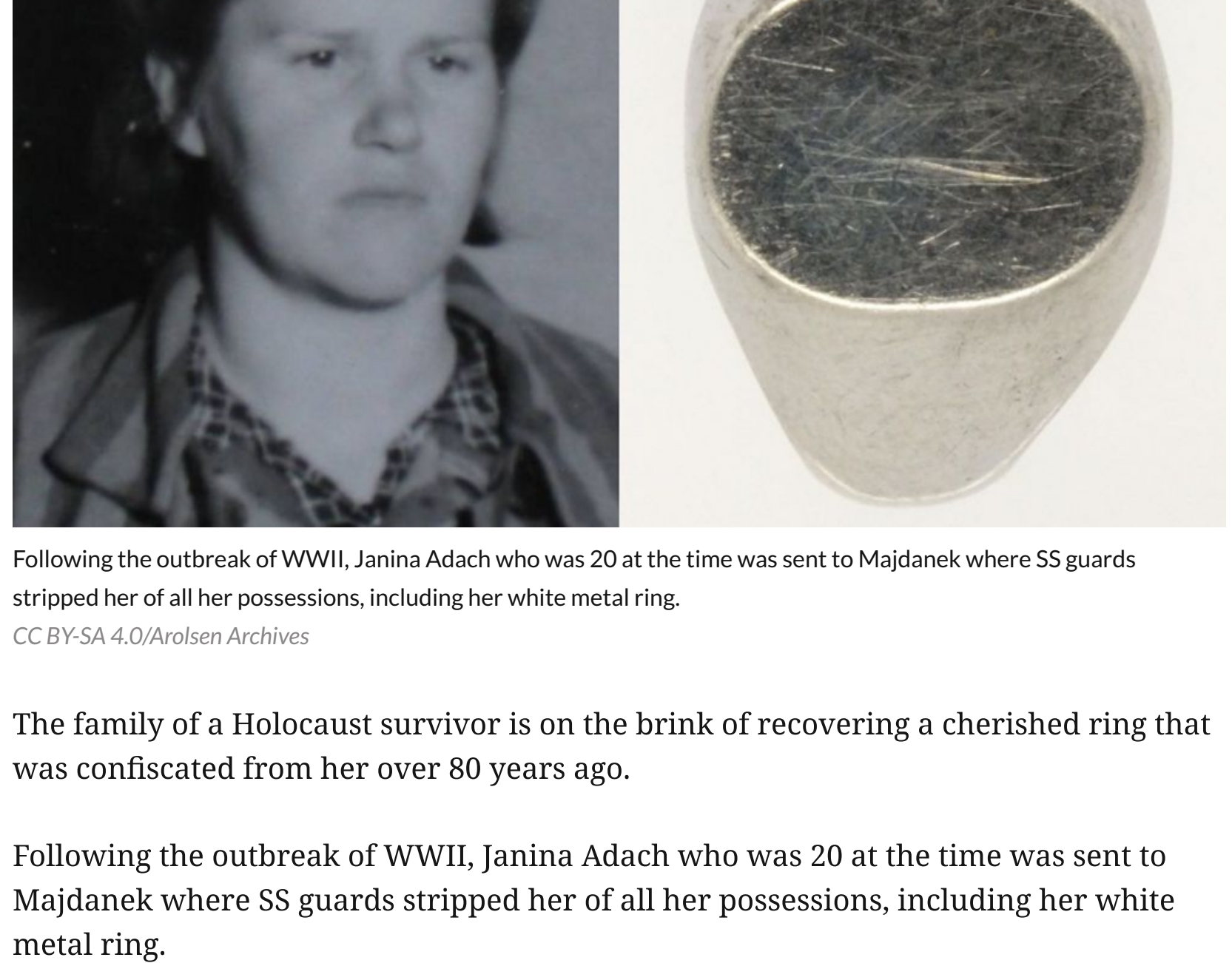
"I must have been inspired" Joseph Conrad

Long lost ring stolen by Nazis could soon return to Holocaust survivor's family following two-year campaign

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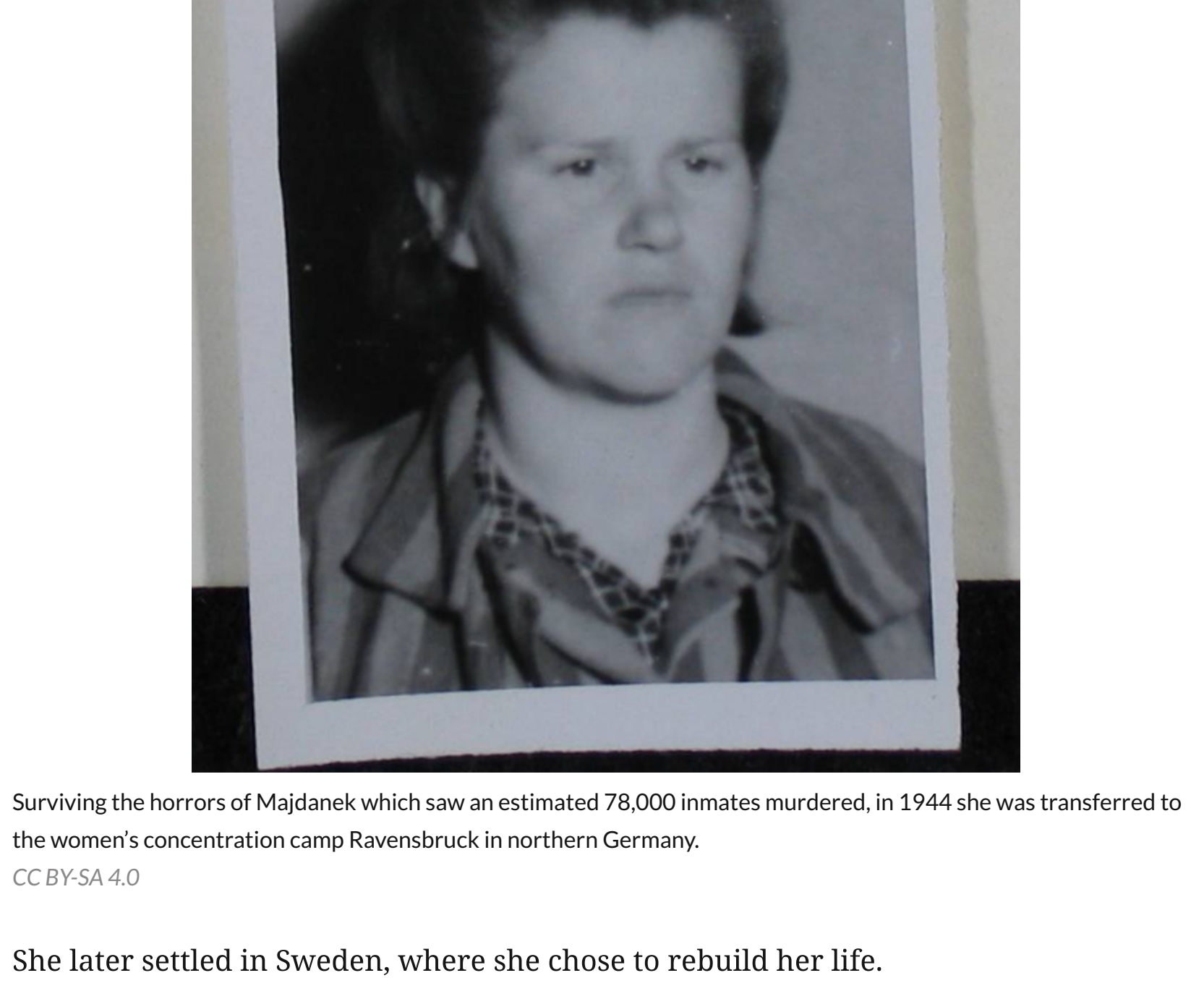
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The family of a Holocaust survivor is on the brink of recovering a cherished ring that was confiscated from her over 80 years ago.

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Surviving the horrors of the camp which saw an estimated 78,000 inmates murdered, in 1944 she was transferred to the women's concentration camp Ravensbruck in northern Germany.

Although little is known about her life, she eventually ended up in the former concentration camp Neuengamme where it is thought she had been sent after the war when it was turned into a Displaced Persons Camp.



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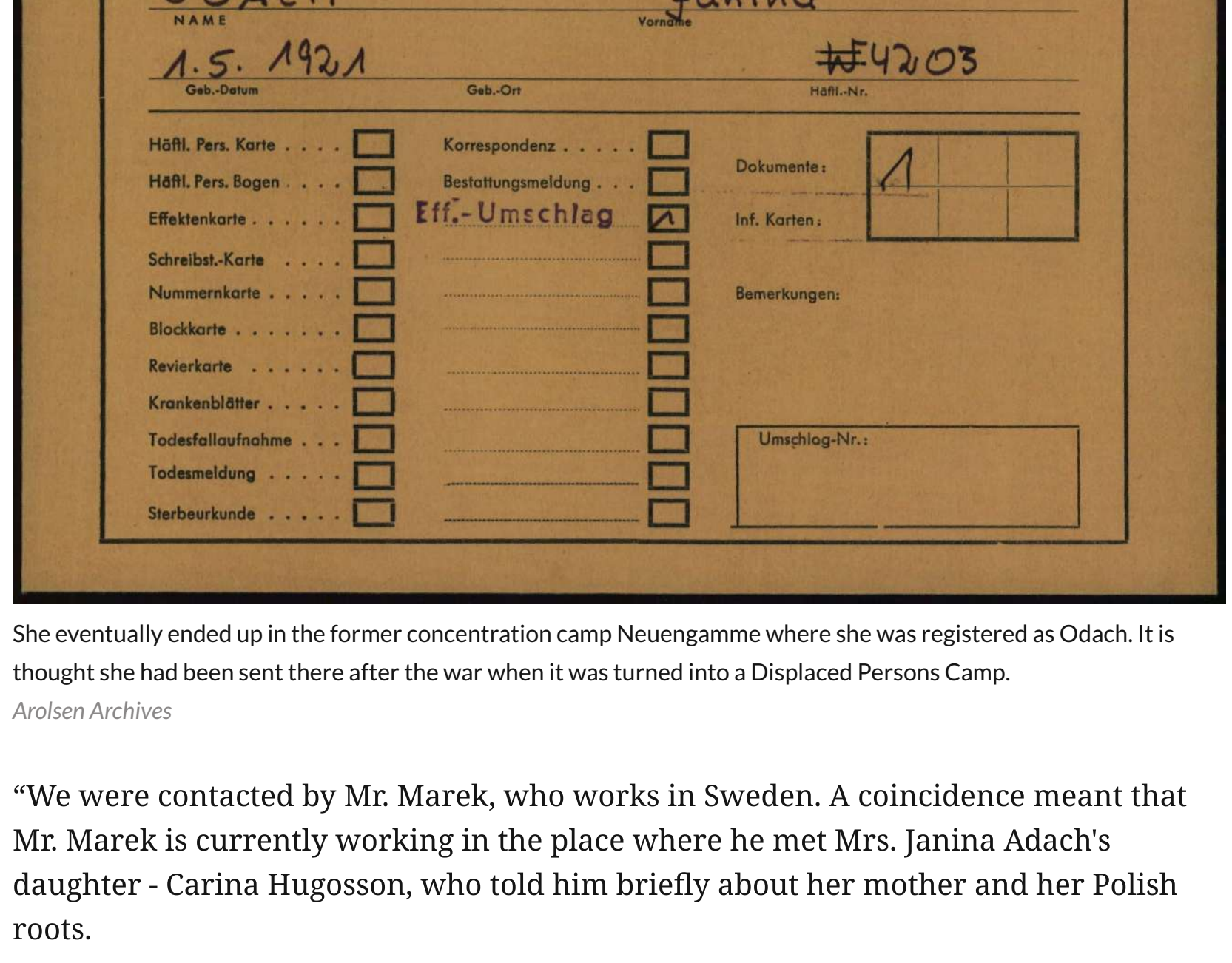
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She later settled in Sweden, where she chose to rebuild her life.

Now, Janina's relatives could finally be reunited with the ring following an online campaign started two years ago by the historical group "Śladami przeszłości - Radom" (Traces of the Past - Radom) looking for Janina's descendants.

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"We were contacted by Mr. Marek, who works in Sweden. A coincidence meant that Mr. Marek is currently working in the place where he met Mrs. Janina Adach's daughter - Carina Hugosson, who told him briefly about her mother and her Polish roots.

"We reported the finding of a family member to the employees of the Arolsen archive and now we keep our fingers crossed for the further success of the action, including the daughter's decision to hand over her mother's memorabilia, especially about the method of transferring them and the possibility of sharing the family story told by Mrs. Carina."

The group added: "Keep your fingers crossed, dear ones! We will keep you updated. The return of personal memorabilia to the families of the victims of Nazism is not only of international importance, but is also important for Poland, in this case Radom and the surrounding area, because it shows the fate of people from this region.

The Arolsen Archives is an international centre on Nazi persecution and contains 50 million index cards with information on the fates of 17.5 million people.



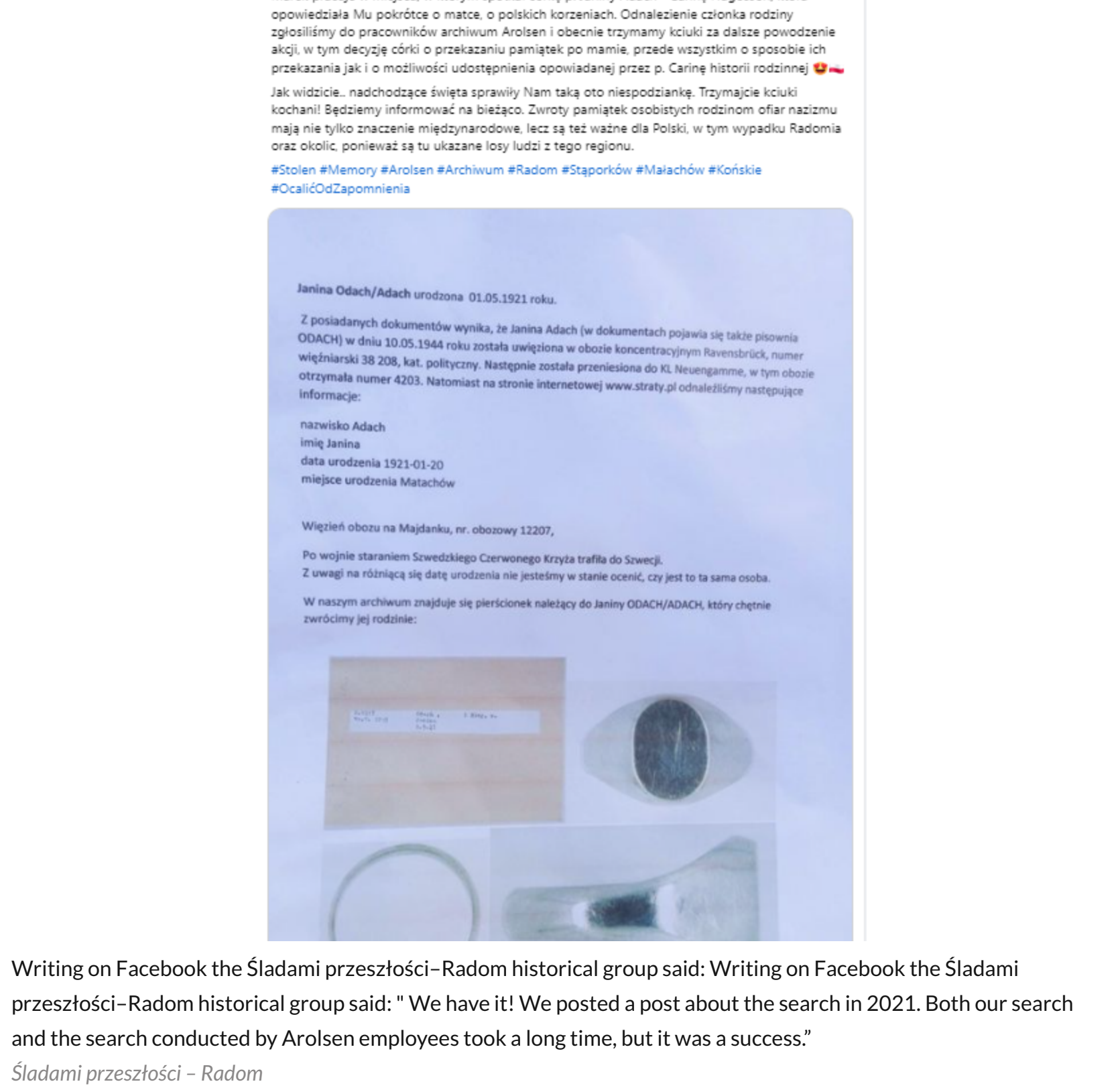
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In addition to digitalizing proceedings, the organization also helps tracing family members and still holds around 2,500 items belonging to former prisoners of German concentration camps.

The personal items belong to people persecuted by the Germans from more than 30 countries, mainly Poland, Germany and the former Soviet Union.

Most of the personal belongings come from the Neuengamme concentration camp in Hamburg, a smaller part also from Dachau. The items include watches, jewellery, wedding rings, letters and photographs.



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Since the launch of its Stolen Memory campaign in 2016, mementos of loved ones have already been returned to several hundred families, often with the help of volunteers conducting research in various countries.

Arolsen Archives wrote on its website "these items are important for the relatives of survivors, especially if the survivors could not or did not want to talk about their camp experiences."

Arolsen Archives is continuing to search for families of other German concentration camp prisoners.

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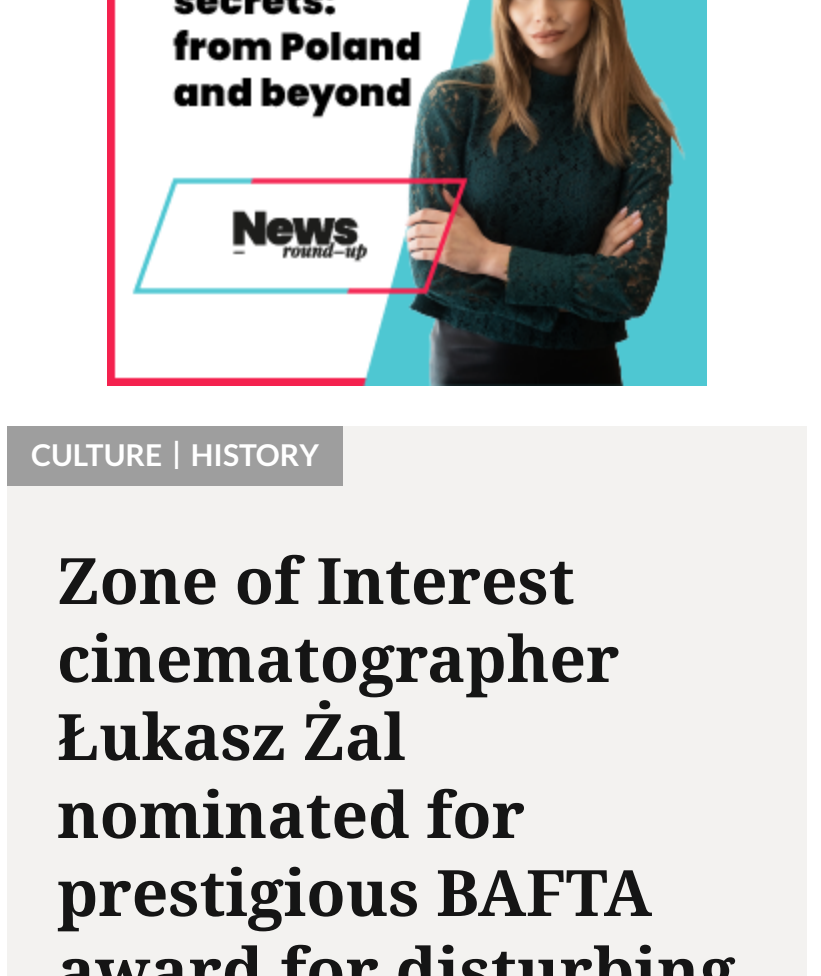
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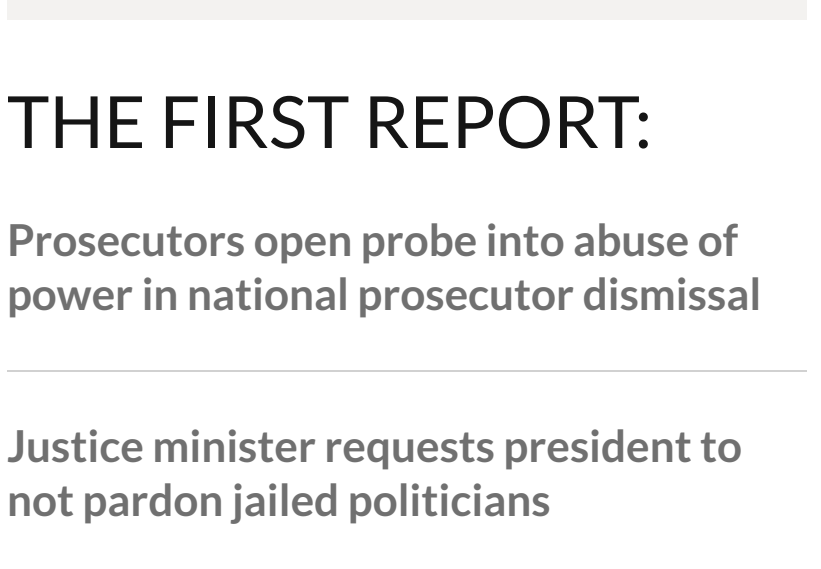
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