

AMERICAN MUM LEFT HER CHILDREN AND WENT ON HOLIDAYS

Last August Chrystal Walraven, a 28-year-old mum from Texas, went on holiday to North Carolina leaving at home her five children. The kids were 13 months, 3, 6, 10 and 12 years old. When the headmaster of the school one of the older children attended heard the kid was tired after changing the sister's **diapers** at night, he called the police. Authorities contacted the father who claimed he had moved out of home and said a neighbour was taking care of the kids. Police officers rushed to the house to find the kids safe and sound, yet looking as if they had not taken a bath for a couple of days. Chrystal returned home on August 28, two days later than initially planned. She explained she had left because she needed a break from what was happening in the house and could not come back earlier because her flight was repeatedly **postponed**. Also, she put the blame on the neighbour and one of the kids' father as they were supposed to take care of the children. Nevertheless, the mum was charged with leaving the kids unattended and putting them in danger. She is facing a penalty of 20 years in prison.

ALL DOCUMENTS IN YOUR WALLET

Smartphone users can already take advantage of the newest application prepared by the Ministry of Digital Affairs - mDokumenty. So far the application features an electronic version of an ID as well as students' cards, which already sounds very useful. Soon, however, more virtual versions of documents are to come. The first to join will be the digital car's registration certificate, a document you need to have in case of a collision, for instance, but one a driver does not have to carry anymore thanks to an online database of registration certificates that the police has access to. The only document a driver still has to show in case of an inspection or speed control is their driving license. To a despair of wallet producers, introducing a mobile version of driving license would effectively mean no need to carry anything but your telephone. The change will not be a fast one, though, because a modification of the law is required. The question remains: will it be safe to have ALL your important documents in your smartphone?

50 LIVES LOST IN THE NAME OF HATE... AGAIN

On March 15 2019, just after 1 pm local time, a 28-year-old Australian killed 50 and seriously wounded many dozens in a planned gun attack on two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand. The act of terror fuelled by **inexplicable** hatred and ignorance was in part broadcast live on Facebook by the killer himself. Most of those whose lives were lost had moved to New Zealand to study or work, among them were also Syrian war refugees. New Zealand is a country roughly the size of Poland, but with a population of less than 5 million. Muslims constitute a 1.2% minority and the South Island city of Christchurch is smaller than Lublin. In charge of managing the aftermath of the tragedy is New Zealand's PM Jacinda Ardern (38), one of the youngest female PMs in world's history and the second one who (in 2018) gave birth as an active PM. World media agree that she has so far **put on a clinic in crisis management**. She consciously refuses to call the killer by his name, she vowed to change NZ gun laws in the upcoming days and her moving speeches have been broadcast and quoted by most respected media outlets worldwide.

WASHING WINDSCREENS MIGHT PAY OFF

This month's Forbes published its most recent "Richest Poles" ranking and the list seems **indicative** of at least two things. On one hand there are 43 billionaires (**as opposed to** only 22 twelve years ago), which could be a sign that our economy (growing 4-5% in the past two years) isn't in a bad place if it allows businesses to **flourish** to such extent. On the other hand, the fortune of 100 richest Poles together constitutes less than 30% of that of Jeff Bezos (we're talking the pre-divorce-Bezos here) — so it looks like there's still plenty of room for improvement/enrichment. The richest Pole (13.3 billion zlotys), Michał Sołowow of Kielce, owns Synthos (chemicals for 17 of the world's 20 biggest tyre manufacturers), Barlinek (wooden floors) and Cersanit (Europe's second biggest ceramic tiles producer). Sołowow started out by selling **rolls**, doughnuts and sweetened beverages in high school, he also cleaned **windcreens** and helped out in **garages**. Today he employs (directly or indirectly) over 16 thousand people.



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- 1 Parents should never leave their children unattended.
- 2 Electronic versions of documents like ID or driving license are better than physical ones.
- 3 Religion is the most common cause of terrorist attacks.
- 4 There's such thing as "enough money".

VOCABULARY:

diaper - pielucha
to postpone - przełożyć (w czasie, odłożyć na później)
inexplicable - niewytłumaczalny
to put on a clinic - dać pokaz, dać szkołę
crisis management - zarządzanie w sytuacji kryzysowej
to be indicative of - wskazywać na, sugerować, dowodzić czegoś
as opposed to - w przeciwieństwie do
to flourish - kwitnąć, wspaniale się rozwijać
a roll - bułka
garage - warsztat samochodowy
windscreen - przednia szyba pojazdu

CHECK YOUR UNDERSTANDING

1. How long did Chrystal Walraven leave her children for?
2. What happened to the kids left at home alone by their mother for 5 days?
3. What documents will mDokumenty app feature?
4. How old is New Zealand's Prime Minister?
5. Approximately how many Muslims live in New Zealand?
6. What is the estimate of Michał Sołowow's fortune?

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