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**EAST GERMANY - POLAND: Protest Over Meat Shipment**

East German shoppers in a locality near the Polish border have protested shortages of meat, attributing them to the recently announced agreement to ship 10,000 tons of meat to Poland in exchange for coal. The incident is the first reported shortage-related protest in East Germany since the onset of the Polish crisis. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the government to initiate a propaganda campaign to convince the public that the deal helps domestic industry in need of coal. Authorities also have delivered extra meat to the locality [REDACTED]

The agreement itself is unusual. East Germany apparently is supplying meat to Poland on a direct barter basis even though Warsaw has fallen far behind in its scheduled coal shipments to East Germany. East Berlin earlier this year had to buy an additional \$100 million worth of West German coal to compensate for the shortfall. [REDACTED]

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