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POLAND: Students Plan Strike

Student activists at Warsaw University have called for a 15-minute strike in the corridors of university buildings on Monday to protest the preemptory firing two weeks ago of the university's popular and liberal rector. The faculty senate passed a resolution on Thursday condemning the firing in hopes of preventing protests. The military commissar for higher education threatened after a short student demonstration last week to close parts of the university if more disturbances occurred.

Comment: The universities are proving to be particularly troublesome for the regime because of student disillusionment and activism and because university faculties are trying to protect some of the increased autonomy they won before the introduction of martial law. To avoid an incident, the authorities probably will not use force to prevent or interrupt a strike. Instead, they could demonstrate their resolve by closing the university briefly or expelling some students.

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