

BELARUSIAN NATIONAL SOCIALIST PARTY

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Bela'rusian 'National 'Socialist 'Party (BNSP)

Organisation of Belarusian fascists in the 1930s—1940s.

It started to be formed in 1933 in Vilnius at the initiative of a group of pro-German Belarusian nationalists. Working since 1934, the Praesidium of the Belarusian National Socialist active core (chairman F. I. Akinchyts) was transformed into the BNSP in 1936.

The printed body was the *Novy Shliach* («Новы шлях», lit. 'new way') magazine.

The party was banned by the Polish authorities. This fact forced its chairman F. I. Akinchyts to move to Berlin in 1939.

With the beginning of the Great Patriotic War and invasion of Belarus by German Nazi troops, the BNSP tried to resume its activities, but it had support neither from the Belarusian population nor German authorities. It might have disintegrated after the death of F. I. Akinchyts (March 1943).

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