

Roots of *Kurier Wileński* hail back to 1953, when Polish daily *Czerwony Sztandar* (*Red Banner*) was founded by decree of Josif Stalin as means of ideological shaping of the community of Lithuanian Poles. Before Perestroyka, its circulation reached 60.000 and the paper was widely read by Poles throughout the Soviet Union.

At the time of Lithuanian rebirth in 1990, the newspaper was renamed to *Kurier Wileński* (*Courier of Wilno*) as means of taking upon the traditions of pre-WWII daily of the same name. After the Perestroyka, the circulation fell drastically. In 1995, *Kurier Wileński* had been privatised by its staff, and in an upcoming turmoil, was on the verge of bankruptcy. To prevent the demise of the daily, it was taken over by private company *Klion*, reorganized and its quarters brought to another location.

Still unable to earn enough money to sustain itself, the daily is financed mostly by UAB *Klion*, with substantial help from the Senate of Poland.

The daily doesn't get any help from the Lithuanian government or its administrative structures.

Most of the readers are older people, with the exception of internet website, which is being read by a wider range of readers. *Kurier Wileński* writes mostly about local events, problems of Lithuanian Poles and Lithuanian politics, less concentrating on world events.



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Editor-in-chief	<b>Robert Mickiewicz</b>	Journalists	<b>6</b>
Printed Circulation	<b>2.500-3.500</b>	Freelancers	<b>7</b>
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