



Lithuanian Diplomatic Playbook

21– 28 February 2016

Key Lithuanian Foreign Policy messages of the week. All materials included are public.
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Story of the Week

**President Grybauskaitė:
Security of the Astravyets
nuclear power plant –
concern for the whole EU**

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Key messages:

- Lithuania to continue firm support to Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity & will never recognize the illegal occupation and annexation of the Crimea started two years ago
- Baltic States will continue to speak with one voice

Top lines, statements

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- Security of the Astravyets nuclear power plant – concern for the whole EU (22 February, 2016) [Read full news release](#)
 - Lithuanian Foreign Ministry's statement on the second anniversary of Crimea occupation (27 February, 2016) [Read full news release](#)
 - PM Butkevičius in Riga: currently the Baltic states need to speak with one voice (26 February, 2016) [Read full news release](#)
 - Lithuania and Poland are destined to be together, says Lithuania's Foreign Minister (25 February, 2016) [Read full news release](#)

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- Linkevičius and French Minister of State for European Affairs discuss bilateral strategic partnership, major issues facing EU (23 February, 2016) [Read full news release](#)
- Soldiers of the Hussar Battalion deployed to serve as part of the Joint Multinational Training Group-Ukraine (25 February, 2016) [Read full news release](#)

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<p>Russia's aggression against Ukraine Crimea: Day by day</p> <p>V. Putin, President of Russia</p> <p>28 February 2014</p>	<p>"Crimean self-defense forces were of course backed by Russian servicemen" (17 April 2014)</p> <p><i>Simferopol and Sevastopol International Airports are sized by Russia's forces.</i></p> <p><i>Russian Federation Navy block the Balaklava Harbor, where ships of the Ukrainian Sea Guard are stationed.</i></p> <p><i>8 Russian attack helicopters Mi24 are moved from Anapa (Russia) to Sevastopol (Ukraine). 13 Russian planes IL-76 with 150 Russian Airborne Troops each land in the Hvardiyske military airport.</i></p>	<p>Lithuania supports Ukraine's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity</p> <p>#CrimeaisUkraine</p>
<p>Russia's aggression against Ukraine Crimea: Day by day</p> <p>V. Putin, President of Russia</p> <p>27 February 2014</p>	<p>"Crimean self-defense forces were of course backed by Russian servicemen" (17 April 2014)</p> <p><i>Russia's Special Forces seize Crimea's parliament building and Council of Ministers building. S. Aksyonov illegally is appointed as Prime Minister of Crimea.</i></p> <p><i>The border between Crimea and mainland Ukraine is blocked by pro-Russian forces</i></p>	

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