

Top lines

- **Ukraine**

“Two weeks ago, in Wales, all the leaders agreed who is the aggressor in Europe today. **Sadly but the price for eyes-opening was far too high – occupation of a sovereign countries territory, repeated violations of international law and – most important - many innocent lives.** For some of us, it was a big surprise that a country, which we treated as a partner, acts beyond agreements, treaties and common values. **We cannot allow ourselves to be surprised again – because costs will be higher than ever.**” – President D.Grybauskaitė (September 20, 2014)

“It is very important that Norway joined the EU and US in applying sanctions against Russia, because **only in solidarity a desired effect can be achieved. In such solidarity we have to support Ukraine.**<...> In the context of Russia’s retaliation for sanctions, the EU-Norway trade relations are playing an even greater role and, therefore, it is important to continue negotiations on further opening of the markets. It would be useful for producers and consumers in both the EU and Norway” - Minister of Foreign Affairs L.Linkevičius.(September 17, 2014)

- **Security**

“**I am absolutely sure that NATO is and will remain a source of stability and security in our transatlantic area. When the security situation changes – we have concrete tasks to fulfill. Our success depends purely on us.**” - President D.Grybauskaitė (September 20, 2014)

“**The decisions taken in Wales are very important, but now we have to work together in a responsible and coordinated manner with a view to ensuring their smooth implementation,**” - Minister of Foreign Affairs L.Linkevičius.(September 17, 2014)

- **LNG**

“Norway is our important partner in securing energy alternatives and reliable security guarantees for our region. **We cooperate fruitfully in implementing the Klaipėda liquefied gas terminal project and intend to continue this partnership,**”- Minister of Foreign Affairs L.Linkevičius.(September 17, 2014)

Statements

- **Ukraine**

At September 19 meeting of the United Nations Security Council Lithuanian Permanent Representative to the United Nations **Ambassador Raimonda Murmokaitė urged to respect the memory of the victims of the catastrophe of MH17 and condemned any attempts to influence or interfere with the independent investigation carried out by the Dutch Safety Board.** <http://urm.lt/default/en/news/at-un-security-council-lithuania-urged-not-to-politicise-independent-investigation-into-downing-of-mh17>

...the Lithuanian Foreign Ministry underlines that Lithuania supports Ukraine's sovereignty, independence and the territorial integrity and considers organising such "elections" in Crimea to be yet another illegal action of the occupation authorities. We do not recognise the constitutional nor legal grounds on the basis of which these "elections" were organised. At the same time we express our concern about the violations of human rights, which have become more frequent in the illegally annexed Ukraine's Autonomous Republic of Crimea. <http://urm.lt/default/en/news/statement-of-the-ministry-of-foreign-affairs-of-lithuania-on-the-elections-in-crimea>

- **Security**

Opening remarks by President Dalia Grybauskaitė at the NATO Military Committee Conference http://prezidentas.lt/en/activities/speeches/opening_remarks_by_president_dalia_grybauskaite_at_the_nato_military_committee_conference.html

- **Other**

...Ambassador Rimonda Murmokaitė underlined that not a single ethnic or religious minority could be safe in the territories occupied by ISIL. <...> The Lithuanian Representative welcomed the initiative of the United States of America to hold a special high level meeting of the UN Security Council on the matters of foreign fighters-terrorists next week. <http://urm.lt/default/en/news/lithuania-expressed-support-for-iraqs-new-government>

Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania Andrius Krivas requested the Russian Federation to explain why the fishing vessel "Jūros vilkas" registered in Lithuania and belonging to the company JSC "Arctic Fishing" was detained in international waters and is dragged to the Port of Murmansk. After finding out all possible facts about this incident with the assistance of respective departments, in the short run Lithuanian Foreign Ministry will send an official note to the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Lithuania.. <http://urm.lt/default/en/news/lithuanian-foreign-ministry-summons-ambassador-of-the-russian-federation-over-detained-lithuanian-fishing-vessel->

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania strongly condemns the murder of a British aid worker, David Haines, who was abducted in Syria in 2013, and offers deepest sympathies to his family, loved ones and to all the people of the United Kingdom <http://urm.lt/default/en/news/statement-on-murder-of-british-citizen->

Tweets:

- **Ukraine**

Vytas Leškevičius @Leskevicius Sep 22 Futile try 2 bend the reality-it uncoils&strikes back, ever. @coe decision on conflict imposed on #UA, RF MFA reaction <http://bit.ly/XKjuLu>

Linus Linkevicius @LinkeviciusL Sep 21 Голос мира сегодня прозвучавший в Москве. Нам по пути. #МаршМира

Raimonda Murmokaite@PRLTUN Sep 21 26000 stood up in Moscow today to fear, intimidation, and hatred. An inspiring challenge to Kremlin's propaganda
[#UkraineUnderAttack](#)

Linas Linkevicius @LinkeviciusL Sep 21 Interests wining over values?
http://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/sep/20/joe-hockey-russia-attend-g20-forum-brisbane?CMP=ema_632... Do we like it? Don't think so... [#G20](#) [#Russia](#) [#not-yet](#)

Linas Linkevicius @LinkeviciusL Sep 19 Hope this agreement will not lead 2another 'Transdnistria' [#United4Ukraine](#) @AFP: rebels sign peace plan memorandum <http://u.afp.com/889> ”

Linas Linkevicius @LinkeviciusL Sep 18 Alarming news: open aggression, persecution, oppression against [#Crimea](#) [#Tatars](#) continues. <http://www.rferl.mobi/a/crimean-tatar-mejlis-russia-impounded/26592606.html> ...

Linas Linkevicius @LinkeviciusL Sep 18 [#EU](#)&[#US](#) must stand firm 2ensure unexpected deal dsn't delay [#Ukraine](#)'s implement of Assoc, reforms&EU integration. We must repel t pressure.

Vytas Leškevičius@Leskevicius Sep 18 Right message, right time: @coe on [#Ukraine](#), plague imposed on her by external aggresion & the only feasible way out
<http://bit.ly/1uVO4NE>

Eitvydas Bajarunas@EitvydasB Sep 18 Cristal clear. @poroshenko in WDC: "Blankets and night-vision goggles are important, but one cannot win a war with blankets."

ŽygimantasPavilionis retweeted **CGI**@CGI_DC Sep 17 At @csis , @ZygisPavilionis says:
Russia is setting the agenda and NATO is not responding well. [#Russia](#) [#Ukraine](#)

ŽygimantasPavilionis@ZygisPavilionis Sep 16 On postponed DCFTA implementation w/Ukraine MT @Azubalis: EU states-not consulted,Commission's mandate-exceeded.FAC must be held immediately

Linas Linkevicius @LinkeviciusL Sep 16 Congrats 2 [#Ukraine](#) ratifying [#AssociationAgreement](#). As Pres [#Poroshenko](#) said: historic events unavoidable, what needs 2happen, will happen.

Linas Linkevicius@LinkeviciusL Sep 20 Yest 3 Defence Ministers signed deal establishing LITPOLUKRBRIG - tangible&practical development of [#Ukraine](#) armed foces.
[#United4Ukraine](#)

Lithuania in UN NY@LithuaniaUNNY Sep 19 All attempts to interfere investigation of [#MH17](#) crash with influence or put pressure on this investigation are inappropriate & unacceptable

Lithuania in UN NY@LithuaniaUNNY Sep 19 Situation of [#Crimean](#) [#Tatars](#) continues to deteriorate. More than 17000 ppl from Crimea, mostly Tatars, become IDPs since annexation

ŽygimantasPavilionis@ZygisPavilionis Sep 18 Good point @PETROPOROSHENKO: we don't need arms 2win the war, we need arms 2prevent the NEXT war @LinkeviciusL @NATOSource @rhodes44

Eitvydas Bajarunas@EitvydasB Sep 17 Well described stages of #Ukrainian crisis, leading actually to "frozen conflict" - exactly what #Russia was seeking https://twitter.com/uli_speck/status/512489660447465472 ...

Vytas Leškevičius@Leskevicius Sep 17 Difficult as reality&worth reading piece by @LaurinaviciusM on who's playing what game in #Russia <http://bit.ly/1p0BnNM> . For connoiseurs

- **Security**

Eitvydas Bajarunas@EitvydasB Sep 22 Now it's becoming nearly routine to see #Russian fighters in #Baltic air space. Yesterday ... RT @Latvijas_armija: Once again 2x Su-27...

Eitvydas Bajarunas@EitvydasB Sep 22 My points after today's @FolkochForsvar seminar: a) we need much more closer involvement of #Baltic States in #NORDEFco. #säkpol #föpol b) key for #Baltics is #ReadinessActionPlan. Possible engagement of #Sweden? #säkpol #föpol c) key issue in the region - #Nordic-#Baltics-#US cooperation on energy. #säkpol #föpol

Edward Lucas@edwardlucas Sep 20 Recent (since NATO summit) Russian provocations: EE (kidnap) LV (Dolgov threats) LT (ship, extradition) FI & SE(airspace). Did I miss any?

Dalia Grybauskaitė@Grybauskaite_LT Sep 20 #NATO Mil Committee: #Wales decisions must be transformed into effective actions and implemented as soon as possible

Rolandas Kacinskas@RKacinskas Sep 20 Brothers in Arms: #Ukraine, #Poland, #Lithuania sign agreement to form joint military brigade | #NATO #EU

Linus Linkevicius@LinkeviciusL Sep 19 Today #Lithuania receives an impressive though non permanent 'boots on the ground' deployment- #NATO Mil Committee mtng w Chiefs of Defence.

Linus Linkevicius@LinkeviciusL Sep 19 We summoned #Russia 's ambassador in reaction 2illegal arrest of LT vessel in international waters of Barents sea &dragging it to Murmansk.

Eitvydas Bajarunas@EitvydasB Sep 18 Now is clear why our countries were so eager 2joint @NATO: @euobs: Putin: My troops could reach Warsaw in two days - <http://euobserver.com/tickers/125670>

Eitvydas Bajarunas@EitvydasB Sep 17 Great to see #Nordics and #Baltics cooperating on security and defence matters <https://twitter.com/Gyllensporre/status/512247116123877376> ... @Gyllensporre #säkpol #nordefco

Eitvydas Bajarunas@EitvydasB Sep 15 #Moscow is warning that "rights of Russian of speakers in the #Baltic States are violated". When we should expect small #greenmen to appear?

- **LNG**

Vytas Leškevičius retweeted **LT PermRep EU** @EU2013LTpress Sep 18 **#Lithuania's #LNG** terminal expected 2start functioning Dec 2014: 2produce 1bl m3 of gas in 1st year, in future 3bl. <http://en.delfi.lt/lithuania/energy/how-will-lithuanias-Ing-terminal-work.d?id=65876624#ixzz3DeMmmhSb> ...

Eitvydas Bajarunas @EitvydasB Sep 18 **#Lithuania's #LNG** terminal. In short: towards energy independence <http://en.delfi.lt/lithuania/energy/how-will-lithuanias-Ing-terminal-work.d?id=65876624> ... **#Gazprom** @Ingglobal

Vytas Leškevičius retweeted **LT PermRep EU** @EU2013LTpress Sep 17 **#Lithuanian** government approved new, investor-friendly tax regime 4 **#shalegas** production, needs endorsement by parliam <http://en.delfi.lt/lithuania/energy/lithuanian-government-approves-investor-friendly-shale-gas-tax-scheme.d?id=65871924#ixzz3Da5xuA4B> ...

Linas Linkevicius @LinkeviciusL Sep 16 Norway is key partner pursuing energy divers (**#LNG** supplies&terminal) & security interests. @borgebrende

Žygimantas Pavilionis @ZygisPavilionis Sep 16 .@AmLithBC President Stewart promotes **#LNG** exports, US links w/allies in C&E Europe at @RepMikeTurner event @LTUworld

Eitvydas Bajarunas @EitvydasB Sep 15 **#Gazprom** was caught of ordering "black PR" in **#US**, aimed against **#shale** gas. No suprise if it's true story. <http://news.finance.ua/ru/~1/0/all/2014/09/15/334173> ...

- **Other**

Vytas Leškevičius retweeted **Invest Lithuania** @Invest_LT Sep 18 LT strikes a leading position in the CEE with twice as much new FDI projects per 1M inhabitants as regional average <http://goo.gl/l84Hmr>