



Lithuanian Diplomatic Playbook

29 June - 5 July 2015

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

"Strong bonds with the United States of America, Lithuania's strategic security partner, as well as with Nordic-Baltic countries and other EU and NATO states were among top foreign policy priorities. In order to have a stable and secure neighborhood around Lithuania, foreign support to Ukraine should be consolidated, the international community should not be allowed to forget the occupation of Crimea. Georgia and Moldova should receive our encouragement and assistance on the path of euro-integration. Lithuania is well aware of other challenges such as the IS and terrorism, and the problem of illegal migration and are ready to contribute on the basis of solidarity"

Lithuanian President Dalia Grybauskaitė
at the Convention of Lithuanian
Ambassadors

(July 1, Vilnius)
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Key messages:

- We must continue to fully support the people of Ukraine and help other EU eastern neighbours on their path towards European integration.
 - The EU and NATO member countries responded to the new threats in Europe in solidarity. Our solidarity has demonstrated that we are strong when we stand together with the United States of America.
 - We understand solidarity is not just a joint response to Kremlin policies which undermine international law, but also a joint EU response to refugee crisis.
 - Lithuania is well aware of dangers posed by the IS and terrorism, and the problem of illegal migration and are ready to contribute on the basis of solidarity.
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Top lines, statements

Ukraine, Russia:

- Prime Minister Algirdas Butkevičius: We will continue to provide every assistance to Ukraine. We strongly support the independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of Ukraine, and we continue to call upon Russia and

Ukraine to fully implement obligations laid down by the Minsk ceasefire agreement. (2 July, 2015) [Read full news release](#)

- Minister of Foreign Affairs Linas Linkevičius: We must stay focused, continue to strengthen our freedom and help defend our neighbors' freedoms, continue to fully support the people of Ukraine and help other EU eastern neighbors on their path towards European integration. (1 July, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - President Dalia Grybauskaitė: Foreign support to Ukraine should be consolidated, the international community should not be allowed to forget the occupation of Crimea. (1 July, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
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Security and Defence:

- Lithuanian President Dalia Grybauskaitė highlighted the importance of cooperation between Lithuania and the United Kingdom in countering propaganda and disinformation. She stressed that the current security challenges required close collaboration in preparing, at the initiative of both countries, a joint action plan on strategic communication to counter disinformation. (3 July, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - The United States maintains a rotational presence of its ground forces in Lithuania, other Baltic states, Poland, Bulgaria and Romania as part of Operation Atlantic Resolve since spring 2014. The operation demonstrates U.S. commitment to NATO allies of ensuring their security in light of the Russian aggression in Ukraine. (3 July, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - Prime Minister Algirdas Butkevičius: We encourage Azerbaijan to actively take part in the Eastern Partnership initiatives and common EU security and defence policy. Participation of partners in crisis management operations and missions is highly valued and beneficial to both parties. (2 July, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - Lithuania contributes to the prevention of nuclear terrorism, builds national capacities and strengthens cooperation with other countries and international organizations in the fight against illicit trafficking of nuclear or other radioactive material. (2 July, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - The 4th Infantry Division's Mission Command Element arrived in Lithuania for combined training. (1 July, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
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Energy security:

- President Dalia Grybauskaitė: Twenty five years ago, Lithuania re-established its independence. Fourteen years later, we joined NATO and the European Union. And just several months ago, we built an LNG terminal to protect our independence against any gas price blackmail or threats to disrupt gas supplies. (30 June, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
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Lithuanian economy, Euro:

- Kaunas University of Technology (KTU) opened the first Bloomberg Financial Markets Lab in the Baltic States and Poland this week. The lab, which is located in KTU's Faculty of Economics and Business, has a value of 90,000 Euros and will provide KTU students with unrivalled access to Bloomberg's globally renowned analytics (2 July, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - In recent years Italian investors have shown increased interest in investment opportunities in Lithuania. Last year alone, a number of major investors from Italy with high value-added products decided to set up operations in Lithuania. These included the high-tech enterprise Gruppo Fos, IT giant Valuetech, and an Italian capital medical equipment producer to be set up in Klaipėda Free Economic Zone. And two upcoming conferences in Italy will help to further promote Lithuania as a location for Italian businesses to grow and develop (1 July, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - The Bank of Lithuania and Statistics Lithuania inform that in Q1 2015 foreign direct investment flow into Lithuania and the Lithuanian direct investment flow abroad were increasing. (1 July, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
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Bilateral relations, Regional cooperation:

- Lithuania allocates humanitarian assistance to Georgian flood victims. In response to international

requests for humanitarian aid and initiatives, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania allocated humanitarian assistance to Malawi, Syria, Ukraine, and Vanuatu, as well as for the fight against Ebola in 2015. (3 July, 2015) [Read full news release](#)

- Lithuania's Foreign Vice-Minister: Lithuania and the United Kingdom enjoy sound political and economic relations. (3 July, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - Lithuania's Foreign Vice-Minister: Lithuania is grateful to Belgium for its security and defence cooperation, and active participation in NATO's air policing mission over the Baltic States. (3 July, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - Lithuanian President Dalia Grybauskaitė: Strong bonds with the United States of America, Lithuania's strategic security partner, as well as with Nordic-Baltic countries and other EU and NATO states were among top foreign policy priorities. (1 July, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - Seimas expresses gratitude to the United States of America for its determined policy of non-recognition of the occupation of the Baltic States. (30 June, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - Prime Minister Algirdas Butkevičius: Lithuania and Poland are united by a millennial history. Our countries have both suffered tragic fate while fighting for survival under the totalitarian system, and both our countries have celebrated victory upon our return into the democratic community of European countries. (30 June, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - The Seimas Committee on Human Rights speaks out for more solidarity between European countries on refugee matters. (30 June, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - President Dalia Grybauskaitė: Croatia, who joined the European Union several years ago, is an example of success and an important partner of Lithuania in the Adriatic Sea region. Cooperation between our two countries has just started to gain momentum. Lithuania's experience in energy security is of great relevance to Croatia, while Croatia's market is of interest to our businesses. (29 June, 2015). [Read full news release](#)
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Media links

- Lithuania supports international fight against nuclear terrorism. *Delfi* 3 July, 2015 [Read full article](#)
 - Both Lithuania and China see cooperation opportunities in transport. *The Baltic Course* 2 July, 2015 [Read full article](#)
 - Litgas and Statoil prepare joint venture to enter Baltic Sea small scale LNG market. *The Baltic Course* 2 July, 2015 [Read full article](#)
 - A map of the Kitron's maze in Kaunas. *Evertiq* 1 July, 2015 [Read full article](#)
 - John Boehner Reassures Lithuania of Support Against Russia. *The New York Times* 29 June, 2015 [Read full article](#)
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Ukraine, Russia:

- [Lithuanian MoD @Lithuanian_MoD Jul 2 #RU](#) is right stating an "intense [#NATO](#) air force activity near RU's borders", RU aircraft keep NATO [#BAP](#) jets busy
- [Lithuania in NATO @LitdeINATO Jul 2 #Belgian](#) air force troops in [#Baltic](#) air policing tell their [#DefMin](#) about aggressive [#Russia](#) <http://goo.gl/FLN6uP>
- [LT OSCE @LT_OSCE Jul 2](#) As always, very targeted msg by [#CAN @OSCE](#) for restoration of peace in UA, [#RU](#) must Get Out From UA!
- [LT MFA STRATCOM @LT_MFA_Stratcom Jul 1](#) "There are no [#Russian](#) troops in [#Ukraine](#)" - what about this? [#StopFake](#) <http://bit.ly/1JlIzir>
- [Lithuania in UN NY @LithuaniaUNNY Jul 1](#) As [#Russia](#) amasses troops & weapons in Donbass, [#Lithuania](#) calls on UNSC to be vigilant, not let RU strip itself of responsibl 2implm Minsk
- [Linus Linkevicius @LinkeviciusL Jun 30](#) Perpetuum absurdity... suggest Ru Duma&prosecutors to start questioning if the Earth really turns around the sun... bit.ly/1RQ6l9t
- [LT OSCE @LT_OSCE Jun 30 #OSCE](#) CT conf [#RU](#) DFM "We prosecute RU citizens/fighters for

going to foreign countries'. When RU 'military tourists' in UA face same fate?

- [Gediminas Varvuolis @varvuolis Jun 29](#) Comment agir contre la propagande russe? <http://bit.ly/1NDNVHN> via [@lalibrebe](#)
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Security and defence:

- [Lithuanian MoD @Lithuanian MoD Jul 2](#) #LT has deployed [#AirDefBat](#) soldiers to intl field EX abroad 4 the 1st time. [#TobrugLegacy15](#) <http://goo.gl/ITPLoF>
 - [Vytautas Leškevičius @Leskevicius Jul 2](#) Agree 100 percent. Time to move on, complementing [#NATO](#) Baltic Airpolicing mission w robust air defense capabilities
 - [Lithuania in NATO @LitdelNATO Jul 1](#) Security, defence, implementation of [#Wales](#) taskings - key agenda issues, says [@Grybauskaite LT](#) to [#Lithuanian](#) ambas
 - [Lithuania in NATO @LitdelNATO Jul 1](#) Not surprising [#Russian](#) statements anymore. But [@NATO](#) still is patient in searching for a viable dialogue w/ [#Russia](#)
 - [Linus Linkevicius @LinkeviciusL Jun 30](#) [#Germany](#) celebrates 60 y in [#NATO](#) today & we celebrate together! Security remains threatened, solidarity is the key! [@AuswaertigesAmt](#)
 - [Lithuanian MoD @Lithuanian MoD Jun 30](#) [#USArmy](#) [#4thInfantryDivision](#) to move their MCE to LTU on 1-8 July for combined training. [#OperationAtlanticResolve](#)
 - [Lithuania in NATO @LitdelNATO Jun 30](#) DefMin [#Olekas](#) thanks the [#Portuguese](#) CHOD for deploying soldiers to [#Lithuania](#) on [@NATO](#) duty <http://goo.gl/EZM2WH>
 - [Žygimantas Pavilionis @ZygisPavilionis Jun 29](#) In Lithuania, [@SpeakerBoehner](#) Reaffirms Commitment to Counter Russian Aggression <http://1.usa.gov/1TbUZyU> [@RKacinskas](#) [@LinkeviciusL](#) [@MZickus](#)
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Energy Security:

- [Dalia Grybauskaitė @Grybauskaite LT Jun 29](#) #LT - [#CRO](#) Energy Forum: [#EU](#) Energy Union – to secure supply, build solidarity & energy efficiency
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Lithuanian economy, Euro:

- [Invest Lithuania @Invest LT Jul 1](#) Find out why Italian businesses are looking closely at Lithuania! [@grupprofos](#) <http://bit.ly/1KBu9NF>
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Bilateral relations, Regional cooperation:

- [LTembassyUA @LTembassyUA Jul3](#) Three more Ukrainian soldiers came back after a successful rehabilitation in [#Lithuania](#). Lithuanian Government... <http://fb.me/6zkgrVr9v>
 - [Seimas LT @LRSeimas Jul 1](#) [@LRSeimas](#) Resol.: gratitude to [#USA](#) for non-recognition of occupation of [#BalticStates](#) & firm support [@SpeakerBoehner](#) <http://bit.ly/1LMUev6>
 - [Linus Linkevicius @LinkeviciusL Jul 1](#) Happy Independence Day, [#Canada](#)! A staunch supporter of Euro-Atlantic values and trusted Ally in NATO, [@HonRobNicholson](#)
 - [Linus Linkevicius @LinkeviciusL Jul 1](#) Thanks to Latvia for excellent Presidency of the [#EU](#) Council. Now key to Luxembourg, work continues. [@eu2015lv](#) [@eu2015lu](#) [@edgarsrinkevics](#)
 - [Lithuania in NATO @LitdelNATO Jun 30](#) Visiting [#Lithuania](#) [@SpeakerBoehner](#) reconfirmed [#US](#) support 2 [#Lithuania](#) & the region in countering [#Russian](#) threats <http://goo.gl/Pzb1Sn>
 - [Linus Linkevicius @LinkeviciusL Jun 30](#) President of [#Poland](#) [@Komorowski](#) receives Honorary Doctorate at [#Kaunas](#) Vytautas Magnus University. Well deserved!
 - [Dalia Grybauskaitė @Grybauskaite LT Jun 30](#) Our independence was gained through blood of our people.No one has the right to threaten it.Only we decide our fate <http://goo.gl/ZMZPh9>
 - [Seimas LT @LRSeimas Jun 29](#) During his visit US Congress [@SpeakerBoehner](#) heard [@LRSeimas](#) request for more US & NATO presence in the region.
 - [Loreta Grauzinienė @grauziniene Jun 29](#) Lithuania Together with [@SpeakerBoehner](#) we discussed [#securitypolicy](#) issues. I hope that cooperation with US will be reinforced
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Other:

- [Invest Lithuania @Invest LT Jul 2](#) From now on Bloomberg Professional information platform is available for students in Kaunas. Congrats [@KTUnews](#) <http://bit.ly/1HCGIt0>
 - [Gediminas Varvuolis @varvuolis Jul 2 #Lithuanian](#) ambassadorial conf this year looks into games industry, + source of country's exports [@Sergeiklimov](#) [@GIBiz](#)
 - [Lithuania in UN NY @LithuaniaUNNY Jul 1](#) International community shall never forget [#Srebrenica](#) genocide; has to learn the lesson from the massacre & step up its prevention efforts
 - [Zygimantas Pavilionis @ZygisPavilionis Jul 1](#) Americana in Lithuania -good read by [@SpeakerBoehner](#): <http://bit.ly/1HDGuID> [@LNGALLIES](#) [@LinkeviciusL](#) [@AndriusKubilius](#) [@RKacinskas](#) [@MZickus](#)
 - [Invest Lithuania @Invest LT Jun 30](#) 5 facts you should know about [#Lithuania](#) <http://bit.ly/1NCiUDS>
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 - [Rolandas Kacinskas @RKacinskas Jun 30](#) Celebrating [#USA](#) [#IndependenceDay](#) Rock 'n Roll style in [#Vilnius](#), [#Lithuania](#) | [#July4LT](#)
 - [Rolandas Kacinskas @RKacinskas Jun 28](#) It takes 2 to tango: [#USA](#) House Speaker Boehner dances w/ Speaker of [#Lithuania](#) in parliament Grauziniene in [#Vilnius](#)
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