



Lithuanian Diplomatic Playbook

28 August - 6 September 2015

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

The NATO Force Integration Units activated today in Lithuania and five other member nations in the region sends a strong signal that we are ready to respond and to counter any kind of threats. NATO remains united and effective.

(Lithuanian President Dalia Grybauskaitė at the inauguration of NFIU 2 September, 2015)



Key messages:

- Activation of NATO HQ in Lithuania is adequate and effective response to threats in the region.
- Lithuania will act in solidarity with EU partners seeking solutions to refugee crisis. We cannot stay indifferent.

Top lines, statements

Ukraine, Russia:

- Seimas Speaker invited the Tenth Meeting of Women Speakers of Parliament in New York to actively support illegally imprisoned Nadiia Savchenko. (30 August, 2015) [Read full news release.](#)
- Prime Minister Algirdas Butkevičius' Visit to Ukraine: It is Important to Pursue Current Reforms with Confidence. (28 August, 2015) [Read full news release.](#)

Security and Defence:

- President Dalia Grybauskaitė on NFIU inauguration in Vilnius: Within one year after the Wales Summit, we have succeeded in implementing measures enabling us to respond to newly emerging challenges appropriately and swiftly. (3 September, 2015) [Read full news release.](#)
 - NATO Air Policing Mission in the Baltic States handed over to Hungary and Germany. (31 August, 2015) [Read full news release.](#)
 - Substantial Hungary's contribution to the security assurance measures in our region is a sign of solidarity and unity, Minister of National Defence J. Olekas says. (31 August, 2015) [Read full news release.](#)
 - Greater security challenges in the region require even closer cohesion and cooperation of the Nordic and Baltic countries especially as regards security, energy and strategic communication. (4 September, 2015) [Read full news release.](#)
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Bilateral relations, Regional cooperation:

- Minister of Foreign Affairs Linas Linkevičius highlighted that Lithuania is prepared to receive refugees fleeing the war in Syria and Libya in solidarity with partners. (2 September, 2015) [Read full news release.](#)
 - Lithuanian-Ecuadorian Memorandum of Understanding on Bilateral Consultations signed. (4 September, 2015) [Read full news release.](#)
 - Lithuania opens its new Honorary Consulate in Belgium. (1 September, 2015) [Read full news release.](#)
 - Addressing the Fourth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, Loreta Graužinienė, Speaker of the Seimas, underlined the importance of national parliaments in dealing with peace and democracy issues worldwide seeking to contribute to positive changes. (2 September, 2015) [Read full news release.](#)
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Media links

- Lithuania will join in solidarity with other European countries to deal with the migrant crisis says Lithuanian President Dalia Grybauskaitė. (Sept 3, 2015, [en.Delfi.lt](#))
 - No reasons to doubt Lithuania's solidarity in efforts to deal with the migrant crisis in the EU, says Minister of Foreign Affairs Linas Linkevičius. (Sept 2, 2015, [en.Delfi.lt](#))
 - NATO Increases Presence in Eastern Europe With Opening of Military Post in Lithuania. (3 September, 2015, [wsj.com](#))
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Ukraine, Russia:

- [Linas Linkevicius @LinkeviciusL Sep 4](#) That's why Ru hunts 'foreign agents' at home- suspects own methods... study of Kremlin's network in the Baltic: [http://m.en.delfi.lt/article.php?id=68908408 ...](http://m.en.delfi.lt/article.php?id=68908408...)
- [Lithuania in NATO @LitdelNATO Sep 4](#) Lithuania in NATO retweeted Russians at NATO
- [#Russians](#) at [@NATO](#) not happy with free and independent [#European](#) countries choosing their own security arrangements
- [LTembassyUA @LTembassyUA Sep 3](#) Three Ukrainian children came back to Dnipropetrovsk after a

month of treatment in [#Lithuania](#). [#UnitedforUkraine!](#) <http://fb.me/7zEbrOCmx>

- [Linas Linkevicius @LinkeviciusL Sep 1](#) Condemn the violent act in Kyiv yesterday. Our thoughts with those injured & family of the killed serviceman. [#Ukraine](#) must stand united.
- [Loreta Grauziniene @grauziniene Sep 1](#) From the tribune of the [@UN](#) I urged to provide more support for [#freedom](#) and the European integration of [#Ukraine](#).
- [LT OSCE @LT_OSCE Sep 1](#) Radzevicius in OSCE HDC: [#OSCE](#) should address [#propaganda](#) phenomena in context of RU aggression against UA
- [Lithuania MFA @LithuaniaMFA Aug 31](#) Welcome the vote in [#UA](#) Rada on constitut. reforms&decentralization, proof of [#MinskAgreements](#) implem. Hope it will bring benefits 4UA ppl.
- [Lithuania MFA @LithuaniaMFA Aug 31](#) We condemn violence near [#UA](#) Rada. Express sympathy to family of a victim, &supp. to injured ones. [#Ukraine](#) must stand united.
- [LT MFA STRATCOM @LT_MFA_Stratcom Aug 31](#) 22 yrs ago the last [#Russian](#) military echelon left the territ. of Lithuania. [#FreedomDay](#) must come to [#Ukraine](#) too..

Security and defence:

- [Dalia Grybauskaitė @Grybauskaite LT Sep 3](#) Activation of [#NFIUS](#) – sign of [#NATO](#)'s commitment & practical readiness to ensure lasting security of all Allies.
- [Lithuania MFA @LithuaniaMFA Sep 3](#) [#NATO](#) SG [@jensstoltenberg](#) at the Opening of [#NFIU](#) in Vilnius: Hq are part of a larger plan- NATOs collective [#defence](#). No Ally stands alone.
- [Dalia Grybauskaitė @Grybauskaite LT Sep 3](#) Meeting with [@jensstoltenberg](#): [#NATO](#) increases capabilities to deter any aggression
- [Lithuanian MoD @Lithuanian_MoD Sep 3](#) [#LTU](#) Def Minister: "Activation of [#NFIU](#) in Lithuania & other 5 countries is a sign of NATO resolve & readiness to deter & defend"
- [Lithuania in NATO @LitdeINATO Sep 3](#) At the press conference w/ [@NATO](#) [#SecGen](#) [@Grybauskaite LT](#) announced plans to reach 2% defence spending in 2018, 2 years earlier than planned
- [LT MFA STRATCOM @LT_MFA_Stratcom Sep 3](#) No Ally Stands Alone - [#NATO](#) Force Integration Unit in [#Vilnius](#). [#NFIU @173d_airborne](#)
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- [LT MFA STRATCOM @LT_MFA_Stratcom Sep 2](#) [#WalesSummit](#) decisions turn into results - 03/09/15 inauguration of [#NFIU](#) in [#Vilnius](#). Check out the infograph!
- [Linas Linkevicius @LinkeviciusL Aug 31](#) 22 y ago 2day last Russian mil convoy left Lithuania. In few days 1st [#NATO](#) hq [#NFIU](#) will open in Vilnius. Allied presence=greater security.
- [Linas Linkevicius @LinkeviciusL Aug 31](#) Takk to [#Norway](#) 's detachment for serving at [#NATO](#) air policing mission in Šiauliai & warm welcome to [#Hungary](#) 's team taking over!

Lithuanian economy, Euro:

- [Invest Lithuania @Invest LT Sep 4](#) [#Lithuania](#) now a mature economy says [@IMFNews](#)
[Simonas Satunas @SimonasSatunas Sep 3](http://www.investlithuania.com/news/lithuania-now-a-mature-economy-says-imf/?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=referral&utm_content=0904mittelstand&utm_campaign=timeline... #business #economy #investment• <a href=) Vilnius, Lietuva [#Innovators](#) [#startups](#) [#leaders](#) in [#Vilnius](#) [#Lithuania](#) at <http://www.innovationdrift.com> [#nanoavionics](#) [#biotech](#) [#ICT](#)
- [Invest Lithuania @Invest LT Sep 3](#) Our September Newsletter is Here!
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- [Lithuania MFA @LithuaniaMFA Sep 2](#) [#Lithuania](#) - country where are all the oport. for [#startups](#) and entrepreneurs to succeed. [#JetCat](#) story: [http://www.startuplithuania.lt/en/news/jetcat-games-receives-eur-100000-and-plans-to-grow-along-with-lithuania?utm_campaign=Startup%2BLithuania%2BNewsletter%2B2015-08-25_55e544c35d24f629e1000046&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter ...](http://www.startuplithuania.lt/en/news/jetcat-games-receives-eur-100000-and-plans-to-grow-along-with-lithuania?utm_campaign=Startup%2BLithuania%2BNewsletter%2B2015-08-25_55e544c35d24f629e1000046&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter...)

Bilateral relations, Regional cooperation:

- [Lithuania MFA @LithuaniaMFA Sep 5](#) [@LinkeviciusL](#) doorstep at [#Gymnich](#): Lithuania shows solidarity & is ready to assume more refugees on voluntary basis, <http://bit.ly/1LQjFd0>

- [Dalia Grybauskaitė @Grybauskaite LT Sep 3 #Lithuania](#) is ready to seek constructive solutions for [#refugeecrisis](#). We cannot stay indifferent.
- [Lithuania in UN NY @LithuaniaUNNY Sep 3](#) Lithuanian president [@Grybauskaite](#): We must respond to Germany's call to help solve [#RefugeeCrisis](#) <http://en.delfi.lt/eu/lithuanian-president-we-must-respond-to-germanys-call-to-help-solve-refugee-crisis.d?id=68898620> ...
- [Vidmantas Purlys @v_purlys Sep 3](#) Nordic-Baltic foreign ministers stand up 4 Eston Kohver in Copenhagen after mtng on intl &EU issues [#NB8](#) [#FreeKohver](#)
- [LT PermRep EU @EU2013LTpress Sep 2](#) No reasons to doubt Lithuania's solidarity in efforts to deal with the migrant crisis in the EU [@LinkeviciusL](#) <http://en.delfi.lt/lithuania/foreign-affairs/minister-linkevicius-lithuanias-solidarity-in-refugee-crisis-shouldnt-be-questioned.d?id=68887196> ...
- [Linus Linkevicius @LinkeviciusL Sep 1](#) Big thanks, Tamar [#Beruchashvili](#), for dedicated leadership [@MFAgovge](#) ! Warm welcome to successor G. Kvirikashvili - [#LT](#) stands by GEO side!

Other:

- [Eityvydas Bajarunas @EityvydasB Sep 5 Stockholm, Sweden](#) Sugihara, Japanese diplomat who saved thousands of Jews, honored in Lithuania http://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2015/09/05/national/sugihara-japanese-diplomat-who-saved-thousands-of-jews-honored-in-lithuania/#.VetJq_aqpBd ...
- [Lithuania MFA @LithuaniaMFA Sep 4](#) Whoever saves 1 life, it is as if he saved an entire universe: C.Sugihara saved the world thousand times. [#Visas4Life](#)
- [Lithuania MFA @LithuaniaMFA Sep 2](#) We condemn in the strongest possible terms the brutal killing of two Red Cross workers in northern [#Yemen](#). <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/09/02/us-yemen-security-idUSKCN0R20XM20150902> ...

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