



Lithuanian Diplomatic Playbook

20 September - 27 September 2015

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That's a quote of Putin today, talking on [#Syria](#) . Hope [#Russia](#) will apply this principle for [#Ukraine](#) too...

"In my opinion, provision of military support to illegal structures runs counter to the principles of modern international law and the United Nations Charter," he said in an excerpt of an interview with US television networks CBS and PBS released by the Kremlin.

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Key messages:

- Lithuania stands united with EU in tackling refugee's crisis
- International community must not forget Ukraine
- UN must adapt to new global challenges
- Skilled talent – Lithuania's key asset

Top lines, statements

Refugee's crisis:

- President Gybauskaitė: "EU is tackling the migration crisis at its roots" (23 September, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
- FM Linkevičius at the meeting with HR Mogherini: "We must maintain solidarity in the EU in order to overcome the crisis" (21 September, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
- PM: Butkevičius: "We recognize the importance of solidarity and shared responsibility" (21 September, 2015) [Read full news release.](#)

Ukraine, Russia:

- FM Linkevičius: “Minsk agreements have to be fully implemented and only then we may start considering the revision of the EU policy in respect of Russia.” (21 September, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - President Grybauskaitė: “Russia's willingness to contribute to international security and peace is tested in Ukraine“ (27 September, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - President Grybauskaitė: “International community must not forget Ukraine, facing continuous threats to its peaceful and safe development.” (27 September, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
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Security and defence:

- President Grybauskaitė: “Goals to build a better world must not remain on paper” (27 September, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - President Grybauskaitė: “Europe needs unity now more than ever” (21 September, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
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Bilateral relations, regional cooperation:

- PM Butkevičius: “Foreign investors’ interest in Lithuania demonstrates our credibility in the region“ (23 September, 2015) [Read full news release.](#)
 - Intermedix begins partnership with Kaunas University of Technology (24 September, 2015) [Read full news release.](#)
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Lithuanian economy, energy:

- Minister of Transport Sinkevičius: “Lithuania to strengthen transport cooperation with the regions of the People’s Republic of China“ (23 September, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - President Gybauskaitė: “Rescuers of Jews attest humanity” (22 September, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - FM Linkevičius: “We have to strengthen cooperation with Finland in the face of common threats” [Read full news release](#)
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Media links

- This is not a new cold war but something more dangerous, *Financial Times*, 23 September, 2015 [Read full article](#)
- Lithuanian minister assures Polish counterpart about ethnic minority education, *e.delfi.lt*, 28 September, 2015 [Read full article](#)
- Linkevičius: Lithuania and Finland are united by common threats, *The Baltic Course*, 25 September, 2015 [Read full article](#)
- Russian language, propaganda at center of Baltics war over airwaves, *Washington Times*, 23 September, 2015 [Read full article](#)

- Youth Davos is coming to Vilnius. *The Baltic Course*, 23 September, 2015 [Read full article](#)
 - Skilled Talent Lithuania's Key Asset say Global Business Experts. *Invest Lithuania*, 25 September 2015 [Read full article](#)
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- **LT PermRep EU @EU2013LTpress Sep 23 #EUOCO** Doorstep [@Grybauskaite_LT](#) : Europe needs a strategic plan how to tackle [#refugeecrisis](#). <http://goo.gl/0KzRBx>
- **LT PermRep EU @EU2013LTpress Sep 21 Brussels, Belgium** LT PM: We recognize the importance of solidarity and shared responsibility in solving the refugee crisis <http://bit.ly/1KEQU2J>
- **Lithuania MFA @LithuaniaMFA Sep 25** Yes, we can. We can and must help people facing devastation & wars, understand what solidarity means. [#migrantcrisis](#) <http://bit.ly/1Wszb3D>
- **Lithuania MFA @LithuaniaMFA Sep 23 #Lithuania** backs [#EU](#) refugee sharing plan. [#migrationcrisis](#) <http://bit.ly/1JxQAP6>
- **Lithuania MFA @LithuaniaMFA Sep 21 @LinkeviciusL** on [@LRTinklas](#): tackling [#refugee](#) crisis we should act with heart and brain. Lithuania will contribute.
- **Arūnas Gelūnas @ArunasGelunas Sep 25** Lithuanian universities to offer free spots to refugees <http://www.delfi.lt/a/69110060>

Ukraine, Russia:

- **Lithuania in UN NY @LithuaniaUNNY Sep 25** All UN agencies must be allowed to help people in Donbass, Ukraine. Condemn separatists in Luhansk for throwing in humanitarian actors out
- **LT OSCE @LT_OSCE Sep 22** Two additional [#Lithuanian](#) experts joined [#SMM](#) in [#Ukraine](#) Strong support for [#OSCE](#) efforts in stopping [#RUaggressionagainstUkraine](#)
- **Linas Linkevicius @LinkeviciusL 10h10 hours ago** That's a quote of Putin today, talking on [#Syria](#) . Hope [#Russia](#) will apply this principle for [#Ukraine](#) too...
- **Linas Linkevicius @LinkeviciusL Sep 24** Wait, is it Krylov tale? the lamb is guilty that the wolf is hungry? [#CrimealsUkraine](#) <http://bit.ly/1MTiwos>
- **LT MFA STRATCOM @LT_MFA_Stratcom Sep 22** "There isn't even one journalist there who I would say has his own opinions", says Yasin Zaslavsky. [#Russian](#) [#media](#) <http://bit.ly/1KOa303>
- **LT PermRep EU @EU2013LTpress Sep 21** Mogherini in Vilnius: Ukraine truce still in place, all agreements must be implemented Read more: <http://bit.ly/1POPMJN>
- **Lithuania in UN NY @LithuaniaUNNY Sep 22** Journalists document routes used by Russian troops to enter Ukraine since last summer <http://bit.ly/1KER761>
- **Lithuania in NATO @LitdelNATO Sep 25** Fed up w/ propaganda. [@Gemius](#) reports No of surfers from [#Russia](#) reading [#Lithuanian](#) portals in [#Russian](#) grew 3 times <http://goo.gl/1uqEgA>

- **Lithuania in NATO** [@LitdelNATO Sep 22](#) **#Lithuania** organizes discussion in [@OSCE](#) Warsaw meeting on fighting **#Russian** propaganda & defending democratic values <http://goo.gl/Hw3rKw>
- **LT_OSCE** [@LT_OSCE Sep 26](#) **#Russian** backed separatists in **#Donbasregion** violate **#InternationalHumanitarianLaw** by kicking-out humanitarian org <http://www.osce.org/ukraine/185676>
- **RaMur** [@PRLTUN Sep 27](#) RaMur retweeted New York Times World When will they ever stop rewriting history? Will they?
- **Marius Janukonis** [@MJanukonis Sep 26](#) Lithuanian assistance to a school in Stanytsia Luhanska region. So many humanitarian challenges ahead for Intl actors
- **Marius Janukonis** [@MJanukonis Sep 24](#) LT officials and volunteers with Luhansk governor Tuka in Severodonetsk. United for Ukraine and Ukrainian Donbass.

Security and defence:

- **Dalia Grybauskaitė** [@Grybauskaite LT Sep 21](#) Stability&security of **#Europe** remains our main goal. Talked about threats and response to them with **#EU HR @FedericaMog**
- **Linas Linkevicius** [@LinkeviciusL Sep 21](#) Int **#peaceday** 2day - tough goal, when even a **#UNSC** member sides w/ aggression&saber-rattling. Being for peace only in theory isn't enough...
- **Lithuania in NATO** [@LitdelNATO Sep 25](#) **#Lithuania** bolsters national & [@NATO](#) air defence w/ 3D long range radars acquired w/ the help of **#NSPA** and [@NCIAgency](#)
- **Vytas Leškevičius** [@Leskevicius Sep 27](#) British historian: Baltics have a reason to be concerned. via [@FT http://on.ft.com/1R9c6QG](http://on.ft.com/1R9c6QG) **Lithuania in NATO** [@LitdelNATO Sep 24](#) 250+ **#Belgian** troops leaving for [@NATO](#) exercise **#BalticPiranha15** in **#Lithuania**. Good biting! <http://goo.gl/3hlaU4>
- **Eitvydas Bajarunas** [@EitvydasB Sep 24](#) **#Lithuania** and **#Sweden** to strengthen security and defence cooperation <http://bit.ly/1YJvn06> **#säkpol**

Lithuanian economy, energy:

- **Simonas Satunas** [@SimonasSatunas Sep 25](#) **#Lithuania**-global **#laser** producer: 1/2 of world pico-s laser spectrometers made; 86% exported <http://bit.ly/1h1M8kY>
- **Invest Lithuania** [@Invest LT Sep 24](#) Skilled **#talent** Lithuania's key asset say global **#business** experts <http://bit.ly/1jpaabl> **#hr #businessdevelopment**
- **Darius** [@DariusSemaska Sep 21](#) Lithuanian Energy Minister Masiulis: NordBalt opens Scandinavian electricity market surplus for Lithuania and Latvia: <http://bit.ly/1h1MesP>
- **Linas Linkevicius** [@LinkeviciusL Sep 24](#) 100 days until **#Poland** & **#Lithuania** electricity link **#LitPolLink** will start! Better prices, greater choice & **#energysecurity**

Bilateral relations, Regional cooperation:

- **Dalia Grybauskaitė** [@Grybauskaite LT Sep 23](#) The problem is not the lack of European unity, but the lack of European wisdom. **#EURO**
- **Linas Linkevicius** [@LinkeviciusL Sep 27](#) Met FM Giorgi Kvirikashvili-urged 2 consolidate all political forces around common goal - European **#Georgia @MFAgovge**
- **Seimas LT** [@LRSeimas Sep 21](#) **#Easternpartnership** - priority issue on [@LRSeimas](#) agenda. We can't leave **#GE #UA #ML** half-way through [@FedericaMog](#)
- **Lithuania MFA** [@LithuaniaMFA Sep 26](#) FM [@LinkeviciusL](#): Lithuania supports **#India**'s bid for a

permanent seat at the [#UNSC](#). [@IndianDiplomacy](#) <http://bit.ly/1WszyLJ>

- [Linas Linkevicius @LinkeviciusL_Sep 26](#) Welcome the release of Estonian officer [#Kohver](#). Many more illegally detained in Russia still. [#FreeSavchenko](#) [#FreeSentsov](#)
- [Dalia Grybauskaitė @Grybauskaite_LT_Sep 27 @UN](#): 17 goals for upcoming 15 years. Let's make sustainable development happen all together [#UNGA](#) [#SDGs](#)
- [Seimas LT @LRSeimas_Sep 21](#) We have to meet [#GE](#) [#UA](#) [#ML](#) expectations to become part of [#EU](#); [@grauziniene](#) to [@FedericaMog](#). [@tinakhidasheli](#)
- [Lithuania in UN NY @LithuaniaUNNY_Sep 27](#) Talking to [#Yemen](#)'s ForMin [@LinkeviciusL](#) stressed need 2respect civilian lives & start [@UN](#) brokered peace talks asap
- [Seimas LT @LRSeimas_Sep 21](#) We celebrate [#Baltic](#) Unity Day - [#Lithuania](#) [#Latvia](#) Parliaments work together for regional prosperity [@IMurniece](#)
- [Linas Linkevicius @LinkeviciusL_Sep 23](#) Today we remember victims of the genocide of jews in Lithuania & pledge [#neverforget](#). We also thank those, who bravely stood against it.
- [Lithuania MFA @LithuaniaMFA_Sep 23](#) Remember and [#NeverForget](#) - Lithuanian school students to walk on Memory Road for [#Holocaust](#) <http://bit.ly/1KERqxC>
- [Rolandas Krisciunas @RolandasKr_Sep 22](#) Eve of National Memorial Day for the Genocide Victims of the Lithuanian Jews [#NeverAgain](#) [@HolocaustMuseum](#)
- [Seimas LT @LRSeimas_Sep 23](#) To forget, to ignore [#JewishHolocaust](#) would mean to justify crimes committed - commemorating victims [#JewsGenocide](#)

Other:

- [Linas Linkevicius @LinkeviciusL_Sep 26](#) At the meet w/[#Lithuanian](#) American Community Council. Grateful 4 powerful force fostering culture, traditions, unity.
- [Lithuania MFA @LithuaniaMFA_Sep 25](#) A monument of friendship: Mahatma [#Gandhi](#) and his Jewish friend Hermann [#Kallenbach](#) will meet each other in LT again <http://bit.ly/1Gbvkyc>
- [LT MFA STRATCOM @LT_MFA_Stratcom_Sep 24](#) No more 'born in Soviet Union' record in [#Belgian](#) documents for [#Baltic](#) citizens.Thanks [@EU2013LTpress](#) [@BelgiumMFA](#) <http://bit.ly/1P0PYJc>
- [Embassy of Lithuania @LTembassyUS_Sep 26](#) Thank You [@NEDemocracy](#) for cosponsoring [#VDF2015!](#) <http://bit.ly/1MzUjjW> TY [@FreedomHouseDC](#) [@HudsonInstitute](#) [@EESC_LT](#) [@TSPMI](#) [#KonradAS](#)
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