



Lithuanian Diplomatic Playbook

5 - 11 October 2015

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Swedish royal visit –
consolidation of bonds
between the countries

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Key messages:

- Swedish royal visit – consolidation of bonds between the countries
 - UK's decision to deploy military personnel to the Baltics steps up NATO readiness and defence
 - Implementation of the Minsk agreements - key
 - Preservation of the Litvak's heritage is vital
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Top lines, statements

Swedish Royal State Visit to Lithuania:

- “Swedish royal visit – consolidation of bonds between the countries”, President Grybauskaitė at the meeting with King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia of Sweden (7 October, 2015) [Read full news release](#) & [watch video](#)
- “Political and economic relations between Lithuania and Sweden continue to strengthen, there is a growing number of joint initiatives and projects”, FM Linkevičius at the meeting with Swedish

- FM Wallström (7 October, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - “The increasing interest of Swedish businesses in our country demonstrates their trust in the Lithuanian business environment and in the quality of Lithuanian goods and services,” President Grybauskaitė at the Swedish Business Awards ceremony (7 October, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - “Sweden has emerged as Lithuania’s guarantee for energy security” President Grybauskaitė on NordBalt energy bridge connecting Baltic countries and Sweden (9 October, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - “Lithuania and Sweden have markedly strengthened their cooperation in trade and investment over the recent years”, PM Butkevičius at the meeting with the Swedish Business delegation (7 October, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
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Ukraine, Russia:

- Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs Krivas: “The sanctions policy towards Russia must be further directly linked to the full implementation of the Minsk agreements. At the same time we must give a principled assessment of such Russian actions, as the annexation of Crimea, the future of Nadiya Savchenko, Oleh Sentsov and other Ukrainian citizens detained and tried in Russia, an objective investigation into the tragedy of a Malaysia Airlines passenger jet and other aspects of Russia’s aggression against Ukraine” (5 October, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
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Security and Defence:

- Minister of Defence Olekas: “The decision of the United Kingdom to deploy military personnel to the Baltic States is highly welcome. This decision demonstrates a realistic Britain’s assessment of the security situation in the region and the strength of NATO allies’ commitment” (9 October, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
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Lithuanian economy, energy:

- PM Butkevičius met EC Vice-President Andrus Ansip to discuss EU’s single digital market, innovations (7 October, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - Lithuania’s Financial Accounts for Q2 2015 (8 October, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - Rising Chinese investors’ interest in Lithuania (7 October, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
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Bilateral relations, Regional cooperation:

- President Grybauskaitė: “Ties with Switzerland enhance Lithuania’s competitiveness” (6 October, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
- Prospects for development of bilateral relations between Lithuania and Germany discussed in Vilnius (6 October, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
- Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs Krivas with Uzbekistan’s counterpart discussed bilateral cooperation (6 October, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
- Lithuania-Armenia political consultations focused on prospects for bilateral and Armenia-EU cooperation (9 October, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
- Vice-Minister Bekešius attended events commemorating Chiune Sugihara (8 October,

- 2015) [Read full news release](#)
 - “The history of Lithuanian Jews, Litvaks, is an extremely valuable heritage in our country. It’s up to all of us to protect, nurture, and pass it on to future generations”, Vice-Minister Bekešius at the ceremony of unveiling of the monument to the murdered Jews of Šeduva (9 October, 2015) [Read full news release](#)
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Media links

- Lithuanian leaders condemn terrorist attacks in Ankara *en.delfi* (11 October, 2015) [Read full article](#)
 - How investment and collaboration with Lithuania’s startup community could close UK scale-up gap, *RealBusiness.co.uk* (5 October, 2015) [Read full article](#)
 - FDI to Lithuania triples, *en.delfi* (9 October, 2015) [Read full article](#)
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