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GLOBAL VOLATILITY REPORT: JUNE 8, 2026 – KINETIC ESCALATION & HYBRID CONVERGENCE

DAY-AT-A-GLANCE: A Dangerous Convergence



Dangerous convergence of direct state-on-state kinetic action in the Middle East and acute hybrid threats in the Baltics. Global security environment defined by high volatility and geopolitical realignment.

MIDDLE EAST: DIRECT KINETIC EXCHANGE & DIPLOMATIC GAMBLE



ISRAEL-IRAN CONFLICT:

Direct retaliatory strikes target petrochemical infrastructure and air defense systems in western/central Iran. Tehran threatens sustained week of strikes on Israel.



TRUMP'S DIPLOMATIC INTERVENTION:

Trump claims "deal ready" with Iran despite active hostilities, signaling potential US-Israel divergence.



CHINA-NORTH KOREA REALIGNMENT:

Xi Jinping's visit to Pyongyang consolidates autocratic bloc against US-led alliances.

KEY THEMES & GOVERNANCE CHALLENGES



TREND:

Regional conflicts used as levers in global power struggles. Shift from pure cyber to physical, low-tech hybrid disruptions.

EASTERN EUROPE: HYBRID WARFARE & GEOPOLITICAL PIVOT



LITHUANIAN HYBRID DISRUPTIONS:

Vilnius Airport flights restricted by navigation-jamming balloons. Massive cyber breach of government land records & internal security accounts.



UKRAINE-BELARUS BORDER TENSIONS:

Fortifications strengthened against potential armored advance. Threat of nuclear blackmail and joint exercises remains.



ARMENIAN GEOPOLITICAL PIVOT:

Parliamentary elections framed as referendum on EU vs. Russian influence. Incumbent Pashinyan leads but lacks majority; Russia accused of interference.

RISK ASSESSMENT, FORESIGHT & RECOMMENDATIONS



STRATEGIC FORESIGHT TIMELINE



RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

- Harden central data registries & infrastructure.
- Develop NATO protocols for low-cost hybrid threats.
- Accelerate energy independence for vulnerable states (e.g., Armenia).
- Diversify supply chains away from volatile regions.
- Conduct deep title audits for real estate investments.

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HEIGHTENED KINETIC ESCALATION
IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND
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THE CAUCASUS DEFINE A DAY OF
SIGNIFICANT GLOBAL VOLATILITY.

DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

The global security environment on June 8, 2026, is characterized by a dangerous convergence of direct state-on-state kinetic action in the Middle East and acute hybrid threats in the Baltics. A significant escalation occurred as [Israel targeted western and central Iran](#) in a retaliatory strike following Iranian missile barrages. This cycle of violence is compounded by Tehran's threats to sustain [a week of drone and missile strikes](#) against Israel until operations in Lebanon cease. The geopolitical situation is further complicated by U.S. President Donald Trump's public intervention, suggesting a [potential deal with Iran](#) is imminent despite the active hostilities, signaling a possible divergence between Washington's diplomatic rhetoric and Jerusalem's tactical objectives.

Simultaneously, the Eastern European theater remains a primary flashpoint for hybrid warfare and territorial anxiety. Lithuania

faced immediate disruption as [Vilnius airport restricted flights](#) due to navigation-jamming balloons, while Ukraine intensified border defenses amid fears of a [new offensive from Belarus](#). Domestic stability in Lithuania is further challenged by a massive [cyber breach at the Ministry of Internal Affairs](#), involving the theft of thousands of sensitive land registry records and employee credentials. In the Caucasus, the Armenian elections emerged as a critical battlefield for [European versus Russian influence](#), with incumbent Nikol Pashinyan claiming a lead in a vote heavily scrutinized by international observers for signs of Russian interference.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

Direct Israel-Iran Kinetic Exchange

- Israel launched precision strikes against [Iranian petrochemical infrastructure](#) and air defense systems in the western and central regions of the country.
- Tehran announced its intention to continue [striking Israel for a full week](#) unless strikes on Beirut suburbs and Lebanon are terminated.
- President Trump reportedly contacted Prime Minister Netanyahu, [urging against further retaliation](#) and claiming a deal with Iran is "ready to be signed."

Armenian Parliamentary Elections and Geopolitical Pivot

- Incumbent Nikol Pashinyan's Civil Contract party [claimed victory](#) with approximately 50% of the vote, though it fell short of a constitutional majority.

- The election was framed as a [choice between pro-European integration](#) and maintaining ties with the Russian-led trade bloc.
- Russia faces accusations of [attempting to manipulate the results](#) through economic pressure and disinformation campaigns regarding vote-buying.

Lithuanian National Security Disruptions

- Vilnius Airport was forced to [divert or cancel flights](#) after detecting navigation-jamming balloons in the flight path trajectory.
- The General Prosecutor's Office is investigating a breach of [6,000 land registry records](#) and the theft of identity codes from state systems.
- Internal security forces are on high alert following the [hacking of 50 accounts](#) at the Ministry of Internal Affairs, compromising sensitive government communication.

Ukraine-Belarus Border Tensions

- Ukrainian forces are [strengthening border fortifications](#) and blowing up bridges to prevent a potential armored column advance from Belarusian territory.
- Intelligence sources report a [lack of immediate offensive buildup](#) by Minsk, but the threat remains active due to Russian nuclear blackmail and joint military exercises.

China-North Korea Strategic Realignment

- Xi Jinping conducted his [first official visit to Pyongyang](#) since 2019, following a series of high-level meetings with Trump and Putin.

KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

Armed Conflict & Militarization

- The Israel-Iran conflict has moved beyond proxy warfare into [direct retaliatory strikes](#) on sovereign territories, signaling a failure of conventional deterrence.
- Lithuania is experiencing [air policing alerts](#) with French jets intercepting targets near Šiauliai after drone incursions.

Cybersecurity & Threat Actors

- A massive [data exfiltration event](#) targeting the Lithuanian Real Estate Register suggests a highly organized state or state-sponsored actor targeting critical administrative data.
- The Ministry of Internal Affairs reports a [compromise of employee email accounts](#), potentially providing threat actors with visibility into internal security protocols.

Diplomacy & Statecraft

- Armenia is attempting a [strategic pivot toward the EU](#) while simultaneously managing threats from Russia and Azerbaijan over constitutional changes.
- The [Order of Malta's Grand Master](#) visit to Vilnius highlights the role of traditional diplomatic entities in managing humanitarian crises in Eastern Europe.

Critical Infrastructure Security

- The [targeting of petrochemical plants in Iran](#) by Israel indicates that critical energy infrastructure has become a primary objective in the current escalation.

- Navigation jamming at [Vilnius airport](#) demonstrates the vulnerability of civilian aviation to low-cost hybrid tactics like electronic warfare balloons.

Legal Warfare & Regulatory Risk

- A jurisdictional conflict has erupted between [Vilnius District Municipality and the Ministry of Environment](#) over the dredging of the Galinė stream, highlighting tensions between local development and EU environmental standards.
- The [license suspension of the "Šermukšnio namai" nursing home](#) following financial fraud allegations reveals significant gaps in the regulation of private social care providers.

DEEP DIVE: TRENDS AND THEMES

The Weaponization of Regional Alliances

The transcripts reveal a trend where regional conflicts are increasingly being used as levers in broader global power struggles. The [Israel-Iran conflict](#) is not operating in a vacuum; it is being influenced by the upcoming "Trump Deal," suggesting that kinetic actions on the ground are being synchronized or contested by diplomatic maneuvers in Washington. Similarly, the [Armenian election](#) is less about domestic policy and more about a geopolitical referendum on whether the Caucasus will remain in Moscow's orbit or integrate into the European security architecture. This "proxy-referendum" trend indicates that small states are becoming the primary theaters for the contest between democratic and autocratic blocs.

Transition from Digital to Physical Hybrid Threats

A notable shift is occurring in hybrid warfare tactics. While [cyber-attacks on government registers](#) continue to be a staple of state-sponsored disruption, the use of [balloons for navigation interference](#) at airports represents a transition to physical, low-tech methods that bypass sophisticated cyber defenses. These tactics are designed to cause maximum public anxiety and economic disruption with minimal cost to the attacker, complicating the defensive posture of NATO members like Lithuania.

The Failure of "Frozen" Environmental Governance

The internal dispute over the [Galinė stream melioration](#) underscores a growing trend where environmental protection is pitted against local infrastructure needs. The municipality's insistence on dredging to protect homes, countered by environmentalists' claims of ecosystem destruction, suggests that climate adaptation is becoming a contentious political issue at the local level, potentially leading to legal and regulatory stalemates that paralyze critical local governance.

INTERNAL DYNAMICS & DOMESTIC INSTABILITY

Lithuania: Institutional Vulnerability and Public Mistrust

- The [breach of the Real Estate Register](#) and the Ministry of Internal Affairs accounts has exposed significant institutional decay in data security, likely leading to decreased public trust in state digital services.

- The [Šermukšnio namai scandal](#), where seniors were defrauded of thousands of euros, highlights a failure of state oversight in the social sector, potentially driving a narrative of government incompetence in protecting vulnerable citizens.
- Elite infighting is evident in the [Environment Ministry vs. Municipality conflict](#), where centralized environmental goals clash with local electoral pressures.

Armenia: Polarized Sovereignty

- The [failure to achieve a constitutional majority](#) by Pashinyan's party ensures that Armenia will remain in a state of political paralysis, as pro-Russian factions maintain enough influence to block significant pro-Western legislative changes.
- Public sentiment is sharply divided, with [30% of the electorate](#) still favoring candidates who promise stability through alignment with Moscow.

EXTERNAL DYNAMICS & GLOBAL POSTURE

The Resurgence of U.S. Interventionist Diplomacy

The portrayal of [President Trump's involvement in the Iran crisis](#) frames the U.S. as an active, albeit potentially disruptive, diplomatic broker. By claiming a deal is ready while missiles are in flight, the U.S. is projecting a "deal-maker" posture that seeks to bypass traditional escalatory cycles. This approach risks sidelining regional allies like Israel, who appear more focused on kinetic degradation of Iranian assets than diplomatic compromises.

Russia's Adaptive Hybrid Strategies

Russia is framed as a hostile threat matrix that is successfully adapting its tactics. In Armenia, it is using [economic threats and energy subsidies](#) to coerce the electorate. In the Baltics, it is suspected of deploying [electronic warfare and balloons](#) to harass NATO aviation. This framing suggests a "fracturing" international environment where Moscow seeks to exploit every administrative and technological loophole in the Western alliance's armor.

THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

The economic climate is defined by extreme instability in emerging markets and mounting pressure on the Lithuanian domestic sector. Global markets are pricing in the risk of sustained Middle East kinetic action, which targeted [petrochemical hubs](#). In Lithuania, high inflation and the housing market remain primary concerns, with officials warning that [housing prices will remain high](#) despite a decrease in total transactions. Approximately 40% of Lithuanian property acquisitions are now [conducted without loans](#), indicating a significant concentration of capital among high-wealth individuals and potentially overheating the market.

Key Economic Vectors

- **Energy Costs:** Russia has threatened to [increase oil and gas prices](#) for Armenia as a direct punishment for its pro-EU election results.
- **Currency Devaluation:** Argentina continues to suffer from [hyperinflation and a volatile Peso](#), impacting the large Lithuanian diaspora there and limiting capital flows.

- **Real Estate Risk:** The [hacking of 6,000 registry entries](#) creates a systemic risk for the Lithuanian real estate market, potentially clouding title clarity and disrupting transaction security.
- **Regulatory Fines:** Lithuania faces [potential European Commission fines](#) for failing to protect the Galinė stream ecosystem, an added strain on the national budget.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

Significant leadership shifts are occurring as both democratic and autocratic regimes reposition for a more volatile 2026. The key theme is the tension between populist-interventionist leadership in the West and defensive-autocratic consolidation in the East.

- **Nikol Pashinyan:** Despite winning the [most votes](#), his lack of a constitutional majority signals a weakened mandate and a likely reliance on fragile coalitions to pursue his pro-EU agenda.
- **Donald Trump:** His role as a [unilateral diplomatic actor](#) in the Middle East suggests he is attempting to consolidate his status as the primary arbiter of global conflicts, often bypassing traditional state department channels.
- **Xi Jinping:** His [visit to Pyongyang](#) confirms a strategic consolidation of the China-North Korea axis as a counter-weight to U.S.-led alliances in the Indo-Pacific.
- **Grand Master John Timothy Dunlap:** His [presence in Lithuania](#) signals an elevated humanitarian and diplomatic role for the Order of Malta in the context of the Ukraine conflict.

EDITORIAL POSTURE & STORY HIERARCHY

The broadcast maintained a high-alert editorial posture, leading heavily with the **Middle East escalation** and the **Vilnius Airport disruption**. The emotional tone was one of systemic insecurity, emphasizing that even routine activities like flying or government record-keeping are now under threat from external hybrid actors. A significant amount of airtime was devoted to the **Armenian election**, which was framed as a vital front in the "clash of civilizations" between the EU and Russia.

Buried Stories: The potential **environmental catastrophe** of dredging the Galinė stream was treated as a local administrative dispute rather than a critical failure of conservation policy. The **Argentinian economic crisis** was relegated to a travelogue documentary format, minimizing the severity of the hyperinflationary impact on the local population. **Conspicuous Omissions:** There was a lack of detailed analysis on the specific technical nature of the **Vilnius Airport jamming balloons**—whether they were state-launched or commercial—leaving a significant gap in the threat assessment. The **impact of the data breach** on individual citizen banking security was also not fully explored.

GEOPOLITICAL FRAMING

The day's framing presents a world in a state of aggressive reconfiguration, where the U.S. and China are actively building competing blocs, while smaller nations like Lithuania and Armenia are forced into defensive posturing. The narrative depicts a clear divide between "principled" Western democratic aspirations

and "chaotic/corrupt" Russian-aligned coercion.

COUNTRIES

- **Israel:** Framed as a **strong and decisive** kinetic actor, but potentially out of sync with its primary ally's diplomatic goals. "Israel reports attacking targets in western and central Iran" [following Iranian strikes](#).
- **Iran:** Portrayed as an **aggressive but vulnerable** regional disruptor whose infrastructure is under significant pressure. It is seen as a "threat to Israel for a whole week" [until Lebanon strikes stop](#).
- **Armenia:** Framed as a **fragile and aspirational** pro-Western state struggling against a "hostile threat matrix" of Russian influence. The elections were a "choice between pro-European and pro-Russian directions" [amid accusations of pressure](#).
- **Belarus:** Portrayed as a **weak proxy** for Russia, used primarily for "nuclear blackmail" [and as a potential launchpad](#) for offensives.

LEADERS

- **Donald Trump:** Framed as a **unilateral deal-maker** who is "claiming an Iran agreement is ready" [while kinetic strikes are occurring](#), portraying a style that is both proactive and potentially destabilizing for allies.
- **Nikol Pashinyan:** Depicted as a **principled but embattled** reformer, "aiming to deepen relations with Western countries" [while navigating threats](#) of hyper-inflated energy costs.
- **Xi Jinping:** Portrayed as a **stable and strategic** consolidator, conducting his "first visit to Pyongyang since 2019" [to solidify the autocratic bloc](#).

NON-STATE & CORPORATE ACTORS

- **Hezbollah:** Framed as an **inflexible militant actor** that "rejected the 1.5-month truce" [demanding full Israeli withdrawal](#).
- **Grand Master of Malta:** Portrayed as a **symbol of international humanitarian continuity** in a time of crisis [visiting Vilnius](#).

INFORMATION WARFARE ENVIRONMENT

- **Narrative Seeding:** Russia is actively seeding narratives in Armenia regarding [Western interference and vote-buying](#) to delegitimize Pashinyan's lead. This is a classic "reverse projection" tactic designed to mask Moscow's own meddling.
- **Electronic Hybridity:** The use of balloons at [Vilnius airport](#) serves as a physical form of disinformation, creating an atmosphere of "invisible threat" that disrupts civilian life without requiring a kinetic attack that would trigger NATO Article 5.
- **Nuclear Blackmail:** The report of a [strike on Chernobyl spent fuel storage](#) by Russia is a high-level psychological operation designed to trigger nuclear radiation fears in the European public and weaken support for Ukraine.

HYPOTHESES AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

- **The Trump-Israel Divergence:** If President Trump continues to push for a "deal" while Israel views kinetic degradation of Iran as an existential necessity, we may see a significant public rift in the U.S.-Israel alliance by late June 2026.
- **Armenian Coalition Crisis:** Lacking a constitutional majority, Pashinyan will likely face a [political stalemate](#), leading to a series of snap elections or a possible return to Russian-aligned governance if economic pressure from Moscow succeeds.
- **Hybrid Escalation in Baltics:** The success of the balloon-based jamming in [disrupting Vilnius airport](#) will likely lead to similar low-tech hybrid attacks across other Baltic and Polish airports in the coming weeks.

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

Short Term (1-4 Weeks): Expect retaliatory drone strikes from Iran [across the next week](#), potentially targeting Israeli diplomatic or civilian assets. In Lithuania, a wave of identity theft and property-related scams is likely to follow the [Real Estate Register breach](#).

Medium Term (1-6 Months): Armenia will experience severe economic contraction if Russia follows through on [increasing energy prices](#). Lithuania will likely implement new, more restrictive regulations on navigation-capable balloons and drones near critical infrastructure.

Long Term (1-5 Years): The [China-North Korea axis](#) will deepen, potentially leading to joint military exercises in the Pacific.

Lithuania may be forced to move toward a [full universal conscription model](#) (including women) to address the persistent threat from the Belarus border and hybrid warfare.

RISK ASSESSMENT

The current risk landscape is dominated by the potential for uncontrolled escalation in the Middle East and the degradation of administrative integrity in the Baltics through hybrid means.

- **Regional Middle East War:** Triggered by sustained Iranian drone strikes and Israeli counter-retaliation [against petrochemical hubs](#). Likelihood: High. Impact: Global energy crisis and widespread regional destruction. Mitigations: Immediate U.S.-brokered de-escalation deal.
- **Lithuanian Systemic Data Collapse:** Triggered by further [hacks into central registers](#) or government email systems. Likelihood: Moderate. Impact: Total loss of trust in state functions and paralysis of property markets. Mitigations: Rapid migration to air-gapped systems and decentralized data storage.
- **Caucasus Conflict Resumption:** Triggered by Russian economic coercion of Armenia [leading to civil unrest](#) or an Azerbaijani military opportunistic move. Likelihood: Moderate. Impact: New humanitarian crisis on the EU border. Mitigations: EU-led energy subsidies for Armenia.

- **Aviation Hybrid Disaster:** Triggered by [navigation-jamming balloons](#) causing a mid-air collision or pilot error during landing. Likelihood: Low but rising. Impact: Massive civilian casualties and total shutdown of Baltic air travel. Mitigations: Implementation of new EW-resistant landing systems.
- **Social Care Systemic Collapse:** Triggered by [widespread bankruptcy and fraud](#) in the private nursing home sector. Likelihood: High in the local Lithuanian context. Impact: Humanitarian crisis for the elderly and massive state liability. Mitigations: Nationalization of failing essential social care facilities.

GAPS & BLIND SPOTS

- **Balloon Attribution:** The transcripts fail to verify the **origin or purpose** of the balloons at Vilnius airport; without this, it is impossible to determine if this was a state act or commercial negligence.
- **Data Breach Scope:** The full extent of the [hacked email content](#) at the Ministry of Internal Affairs is unknown; the public does not know if classified operational plans were compromised.
- **Trump Deal Specifics:** The "Trump Deal" with Iran is mentioned without **any specific terms**; it is unclear if it requires Iran to cease proxy funding or just direct strikes.
- **Ukraine Border Clarity:** While intelligence shows no buildup in Belarus, the transcripts **lack specific satellite data** or troop counts, making the "no immediate threat" claim difficult to verify independently.

CONTRARIAN NARRATIVE SCENARIOS

- **The Trump-Iran Ruse:** The "ready to sign deal" is not a diplomatic breakthrough but a **strategic distraction** designed to give Israel a window of time to destroy critical Iranian nuclear and energy infrastructure without domestic U.S. political backlash.
- **Pashinyan as a Stalling Tactic:** Pashinyan's pro-EU stance is not a genuine pivot but a **negotiation tactic** to extract better energy and security guarantees from Moscow, which he will eventually accept once EU aid proves insufficient.
- **Black Swan Event:** A **navigation-jamming balloon** accidentally enters Russian or Belarusian airspace and is interpreted as a NATO surveillance drone, triggering an immediate and unintended kinetic response against a Baltic border post.

RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

For Statecraft/Public Sector:

- Prioritize the **hardening of central data registries** against state-actor exfiltration attempts [like the register breach](#).
- Develop a **unified NATO protocol** for responding to low-cost physical hybrid intrusions (balloons/drones) in civilian airspace.
- Accelerate **energy independence for Armenia** to neutralize Moscow's primary lever of regional control.

For Private Sector/Investors:

- **Cyber Risk:** Investors in Baltic real estate should conduct **deep title audits** following the [Real Estate Register hack](#) to ensure asset integrity.
- **Supply Chain Diversification:** Companies relying on **middle-eastern petrochemicals** should diversify immediately as Israeli strikes [target Iranian production centers](#).
- **Logistics Security:** Air freight companies in the Baltics must **account for frequent diversions** and grounding due to the new hybrid jamming threat [at Vilnius airport](#).

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

Legislative debates are currently dominated by security-related reforms and local administrative conflicts. The trend is toward increased centralization of security functions and stricter oversight of essential services.

- **BILLS DISCUSSED/DEBATED:**
 - **Universal Conscription Amendment:** Proposal to extend [conscription to women](#) and increase service time to 1.5–2 years to bolster national resilience.
 - **Environmental Protection Law Revision:** A proposed [revision of the environmental code](#) to streamline stream melioration processes, currently opposed by the Ministry of Environment.

• HEARINGS & PRESS EVENTS:

- **Pashinyan Post-Election Presser:** The Armenian leader stated he will [continue democratic reforms](#) and pro-EU alignment despite the lack of a supermajority.
- **VRM Cyber Breach Briefing:** Minister Kondratovičius announced a [joint investigation](#) into the internal account breaches and the register hack.

KEY STORIES

- **Israel-Iran Kinetic Escalation:** Israel attacked targets in western and central Iran, specifically **petrochemical plants**, in retaliation for Iranian missile strikes. Tehran threatened a week of continuous strikes in response [to Lebanon bombings](#).
- **Vilnius Airport Disruption:** Flight operations were [restricted and diverted](#) after jamming balloons were detected. 894 passengers and 6 flights were [impacted by the trajectory barriers](#).
- **Armenian Parliamentary Elections:** Incumbent Nikol Pashinyan's party [took the lead with 50%](#), though the opposition coalition of Samvel Karapetian and Robert Kacharjan held 30%. The results are seen as a [referendum on EU vs. Russia](#).
- **Lithuanian Data Breach:** 6,000 real estate records and [personal identity codes](#) were stolen. 50 accounts at the [Ministry of Internal Affairs](#) were also compromised.
- **Trump's Iran Diplomacy:** President Trump intervened in the Middle East crisis, calling Netanyahu to [urge restraint](#) and claiming a deal with Tehran is ready for signature.

- **Ukraine-Belarus Border Defense:** Ukraine is [strengthening fortifications](#) and has destroyed a strategic bridge to stop armored column advances [from the north](#).
- **Chernobyl spent fuel incident:** A Russian [drone attack targeted a nuclear fuel storage facility](#) near Chernobyl; Kijivas called it "disgusting" and radiation levels are being monitored.
- **Global Apostolic Mercy Congress:** A major religious event in Vilnius attended by thousands of pilgrims and [high-ranking officials from 50 countries](#).
- **Šermukšnio Namai Scandal:** The license of a [private nursing home](#) was suspended following widespread financial fraud and the [theft of thousands of euros](#) from elderly residents.
- **Xi Jinping in North Korea:** The Chinese leader made his [first visit to Pchenjanas since 2019](#), following meetings with Trump and Putin to consolidate the Eastern bloc.
- **Galinė Stream Dispute:** A [legal and administrative conflict](#) between local authorities and environmentalists over a 2.5km stretch of dredging [near Vilnius](#).
- **Rising Domestic Scams:** A trend of fraudsters [posing as police and banks](#) to collect cash from homes is increasing, with 40% of residents experiencing phishing attempts.
- **Lithuanian Columbuses in Argentina:** A [documentary segment](#) detailing the history and economic struggles of the [5,000-person Lithuanian diaspora](#) in Buenos Aires.
- **Galapagos Nature Documentary:** A detailed segment on the [evolutionary biology and conservation](#) of Galapagos giant turtles [in the Pacific](#).

- **French Air Policing:** French jets [intercepted incursions](#) over the Šiauliai airbase region following suspected electronic warfare activity.

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