

TODAY'S MEDIA TRENDS

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THE GDELT PROJECT

THE SHATTERED ALLIANCE: Historical Grievances, Maritime Aggression & Autonomous Warfare Define a Volatile Day (June 20, 2026)

DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

Significant rupture in European security and simultaneous Middle Eastern escalation. Poland revokes Zelensky's highest honor over WWII history, a 'weaponization of historical memory' welcomed by Russia. Iran closes Strait of Hormuz, citing US/Israel violations and stalling diplomacy. Israel-Hezbollah skirmishes intensify. Domestic shifts in Lithuania (PM resigns for ministerial post) and UK (Keir Starmer leadership challenge). Extreme climate stress: >40°C heatwave in Western Europe strains infrastructure.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS & GLOBAL IMPACT

POLISH-UKRAINIAN DIPLOMATIC RUPTURE & HISTORICAL MEMORY



ORDER OF THE WHITE EAGLE
Polish President Nawrocki revokes award over naming of Ukrainian units after WWII insurgent leaders (UPA). Zelensky returns it, calls it a 'strategic mistake' benefitting Russia. Tusk government signals internal disagreement. Weaponization of history destabilizes modern alliances.

IRANIAN MARITIME BLOCKADE & REGIONAL CONFLICT



Iran closes Strait of Hormuz (2nd time in months), citing violations of Tehran-Washington memo by Israeli forces in Lebanon. Swiss diplomatic negotiations stalled. Maritime traffic hits highest volume just before closure, maximizing economic disruption. Expected significant spike in global oil prices.

AUTONOMOUS LOGISTICS REVOLUTION & THE KILLING ZONE



Ukrainian forces increasingly rely on ground-based robots for logistics and casualty evacuation due to FPV drone saturation over the 'zero line'. 90% of logistics in most dangerous sectors now automated. Shift toward dehumanized battlefields and industrial capacity competition. Vulnerabilities in signal jamming.

WEAPONIZATION OF HISTORICAL MEMORY



Domestic nationalist sentiment prioritized over regional security coherence. 'Memory warfare' acts as force multiplier for Russian information operations.

ISRAEL-HEZBOLLAH ESCALATION



Intensifying skirmishes in Lebanon result in 16+ fatalities. Disrupts planned US-mediated negotiations. Coordinated effort by revisionist powers to exploit Western preoccupation with Ukraine.

CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE & CLIMATE STRESS



Extreme heatwave in Western Europe (France, UK, Spain, record heat in Switzerland) strains power grids and health systems. Fuel rationing and coupon system in occupied Crimea after Ukrainian strikes cripple fuel infrastructure. Belarusian leader admits strategic objects are poorly protected.

KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS & INTERNAL DYNAMICS

ARMED CONFLICT & MILITARIZATION



Russo-Ukrainian war enters phase of automated attrition. Zelensky warns of imminent massive Russian strike, heightened readiness in Eastern Europe.

DIPLOMACY & STATECRAFT



EU Council President opens channels with Moscow, criticized. Lithuania attempts to normalize relations with China, 'ball in China's court'.

INTERNAL INSTABILITY



Lithuanian PM Ruginienė resigns for ministerial post ('natural rotation'). UK PM Starmer faces leadership challenge from Andy Burnham (Labor division). Belarusian leader Lukashenko issues border ultimatum to Ukraine.

CLIMATE & EXTREME WEATHER



Record heat in Western Europe. Lithuania expects severe storms and hail. Climate volatility intersects with geopolitical instability, fuel systems become strategic targets.

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT, RISKS & FUTURE OUTLOOK

SHORT TERM (1-4 WEEKS)	MEDIUM TERM (1-6 MONTHS)	LONG TERM (1-5 YEARS)	CRITICAL IMPACT (HIGH LIKELIHOOD)	HIGH IMPACT (MEDIUM LIKELIHOOD)	MEDIUM IMPACT (MEDIUM LIKELIHOOD)
- Spike in energy prices, maritime insurance hikes. - Domestic unrest in Crimea from fuel rationing. - Belarusian ultimatum expiration.	- Potential UK leadership change affecting Ukraine support. - Lithuania-China relations shift. - Normalized autonomous combat robots lead to new arms race.	- Automated land systems alter territorial defense doctrine. - Persistent climate-driven infrastructure failure.	Regional Energy Shock (Hormuz), Heatwave Mass Mortality.	Polish-Ukrainian Alliance Collapse, Belarusian Military Entry.	Crimean Humanitarian Crisis.
HYPOTHESES - Polish-Ukrainian Cold Peace (logistical bottlenecks). - Iranian Leverage Surge (sanctions relief). - Belarusian Escalation (mobilization/offensive).					

KEY STORIES ROUNDUP

Poland Revokes Zelensky Award. Strait of Hormuz Closed. Lithuanian PM Resigns. European Heatwave Records. Belarusian Border Ultimatum. Ground Robot Logistics in Ukraine. Crimean Fuel Rationing. Keir Starmer Leadership Crisis. Israel-Hezbollah Escalation.

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DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

The geopolitical landscape on June 20, 2026, is characterized by a significant rupture in the European security architecture and a simultaneous escalation in Middle Eastern maritime tensions. The most critical development is the diplomatic crisis between Poland and Ukraine, precipitated by the [revocation](#) of President Volodymyr Zelensky's highest state honor, the Order of the White Eagle, by Polish President Karol Navrockis. This move, rooted in long-standing disputes over WWII-era massacres, represents a dangerous weaponization of historical memory that threatens the unity of the anti-Russian coalition. Russia has predictably welcomed this rift, characterizing the Polish decision as a strategic correction of historical narrative.

Simultaneously, the global energy supply chain faces a renewed threat as Iran has

[closed the Strait of Hormuz](#) for the second time in recent months. Tehran justifies this brinkmanship by accusing the U.S. and Israel of violating previous agreements, effectively stalling critical diplomatic negotiations scheduled to take place in Switzerland. This maritime blockade coincides with intensifying skirmishes between Israel and Hezbollah in Lebanon, which have resulted in at least [16 fatalities](#). The convergence of these events suggests a coordinated effort by revisionist powers to exploit Western preoccupation with the Ukrainian theater.

On the domestic front, Lithuania is undergoing a leadership transition as Prime Minister Inga Ruginienė [resigns](#) to return to the Ministry of Social Security and Labor, a move framed as "natural rotation" despite the high-stakes regional environment. In the United Kingdom, the Labor government under Keir Starmer is facing an [internal leadership challenge](#) from Manchester Mayor Andy Burnham. These internal shifts in key allied nations occur against a backdrop of extreme climate stress, as a massive heatwave pushes temperatures [above 40°C](#) in Western Europe, further straining national infrastructures and public health systems.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

The Polish-Ukrainian Diplomatic Rupture

- Polish President Navrockis revoked the Order of the White Eagle from Zelensky following a dispute over the naming of [Ukrainian military units](#) after WWII-era insurgent leaders.
- Zelensky returned the award in a [symbolic gesture](#), asserting that the decision is a "strategic mistake" that only benefits Russian aggression.

- The Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs mocked the Ukrainian stance, while the Tusk government signaled [internal disagreement](#) with the Presidency over the handling of the crisis.

Iranian Maritime Blockade and Regional Conflict

- Iran closed the Strait of Hormuz, citing violations of a Teheran-Washington [memorandum](#) by Israeli forces in Lebanon.
- Conflict between Israel and Hezbollah has [disrupted a planned round](#) of negotiations in Switzerland involving U.S. mediators.
- Maritime traffic in the Gulf has hit its [highest volume](#) since April, just as the closure was announced, maximizing economic disruption.

Technological Evolution of the Ukrainian "Killing Zone"

- Ukrainian forces are increasingly relying on [ground-based robots](#) for logistics and casualty evacuation due to the saturation of FPV drones over the "zero line."
- Belarus has issued an ultimatum to Ukraine to dismantle [surveillance equipment](#) along the border within one week, threatening military intervention.
- Fuel rationing and a [coupon system](#) have been implemented in occupied Crimea following successful Ukrainian strikes on fuel infrastructure.

KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

Armed Conflict & Militarization

- The Russo-Ukrainian war has entered a phase of [automated attrition](#), where 90% of logistics in the most dangerous sectors are now performed by autonomous systems.

- Zelensky has warned of an imminent [massive Russian strike](#), prompting heightened states of readiness across Eastern Europe.

Diplomacy & Statecraft

- The European Union Council President Antonijus Košta has opened [diplomatic channels](#) with Moscow, a move criticized by some leaders as lacking substantive content.
- Lithuania is attempting to [normalize relations](#) with China, though officials admit the "ball is in China's court."

Climate & Extreme Weather

- Western Europe is experiencing record-breaking heat, with Switzerland seeing its [hottest spring](#) in recorded history and France exceeding 40°C in June.
- Lithuania expects [severe storms](#) and hail following a brief period of intense heat, indicating volatile atmospheric conditions.

Critical Infrastructure Security

- Belarusian leader Lukashenko has admitted that his country's [strategic objects](#) are poorly protected, expressing fear of "Minsk burning like Moscow."
- Ukrainian strikes on Crimean [fuel systems](#) have crippled civilian mobility, forcing a return to Soviet-style rationing.

DEEP DIVE: TRENDS AND THEMES

The Autonomous Logistics Revolution

A transformative shift in modern warfare is evident as FPV drones have rendered traditional logistics nearly impossible in active

combat zones. Reports from the front lines indicate that [robotized carts](#) are now the primary means of supplying ammunition and evacuating the wounded. This trend toward dehumanized battlefields suggests that future conflicts will be won by the side with superior industrial capacity for autonomous systems rather than manpower alone. The reliance on these systems also creates new vulnerabilities in signal jamming and electronic warfare [supply chains](#).

The Weaponization of Historical Memory

The diplomatic crisis between Poland and Ukraine illustrates how historical grievances can be reactivated to destabilize modern alliances. By focusing on WWII massacres involving [100,000 Polish victims](#), the Polish presidency has prioritized domestic nationalist sentiment over regional security coherence. This theme of "memory warfare" serves as a force multiplier for Russian information operations, which seek to frame Ukraine as a [successor state](#) to extremist ideologies, thereby weakening Western public support.

Climate-Driven Infrastructure Failure

The simultaneous heatwaves across Europe and fuel shortages in conflict zones highlight the fragility of modern energy and health infrastructures. The [extreme heat](#) in Western Europe is no longer an anomaly but a systemic risk that threatens to increase mortality and strain power grids. This climate volatility is increasingly intersecting with geopolitical instability, as fuel systems become [strategic targets](#) that have immediate, cascading effects on civilian populations.

INTERNAL DYNAMICS & DOMESTIC INSTABILITY

Lithuania's Managed Transition

- Prime Minister Ruginienė's resignation and return to a [ministerial post](#) suggests a consolidation of the Gintauto Palucko faction within the government, potentially aiming to stabilize the cabinet ahead of the 2026 elections.
- The government is facing pressure from civil society groups, such as the [association for parents](#) of premature babies, demanding expanded social benefits despite fiscal constraints.

United Kingdom: Leadership Crisis

- Labor parliamentarians are signaling that Prime Minister Keir Starmer has [lost authority](#), with Andy Burnham emerging as a consensus leader to avoid further party fracturing.
- Internal documents suggest Starmer is [preparing for a challenge](#), but the party remains deeply divided between its metropolitan leadership and Northern English base.

EXTERNAL DYNAMICS & GLOBAL POSTURE

The Baltic Regional Posture

Lithuania and its Baltic neighbors are increasingly projecting a dual posture of military readiness and diplomatic pragmatism. While maintaining a [hardline stance](#) against Russian aggression, there is a visible effort to de-escalate tensions with China to protect economic interests. The broadcast portrays the "outside world" as a zone of [unpredictable shocks](#), ranging from maritime blockades in

the Middle East to diplomatic betrayals in Central Europe.

Polish Nationalist Resurgence

Poland's pivot toward historical grievances suggests a shift from being a "frontline state" of the EU to a [sovereignist actor](#) willing to challenge the consensus on Ukraine. This move constrains Poland's strategic maneuverability, as it risks alienating its primary security partner (Ukraine) while potentially [empowering Russian narratives](#).

THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

The economic environment is defined by inflationary pressures in the tourism sector and acute supply chain disruptions in the energy market. Baltic resorts are seeing price increases of [5-8%](#), while hotel occupancy for the peak summer months remains high despite the rising costs. The Iranian blockade of the [Strait of Hormuz](#) is expected to trigger a significant spike in global oil prices, impacting transport and manufacturing costs across Europe.

Key Economic Vectors

- **Tourism Inflation:** Overnight stays in Liepāja, Latvia, have increased significantly, with [40% of guests](#) originating from Lithuania, driving up local service costs.
- **Energy Rationing:** The implementation of [fuel coupons](#) in Crimea indicates a total collapse of normal market mechanisms in occupied territories.
- **Infrastructure Investment:** Lithuanian municipalities are seeking millions of euros to upgrade [public beach infrastructure](#) to meet growing domestic demand for low-cost leisure.

- **Social Welfare Costs:** Proposals to extend paid childcare leave for parents of premature babies are estimated to cost the Lithuanian budget [one million euros](#) annually.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

The day saw several significant shifts in political and organizational leadership, primarily driven by internal party politics and the scheduled rotation of technocratic roles.

- **Inga Ruginienė:** Resigned as Lithuanian Prime Minister to return to her role as [Minister of Social Security and Labor](#). This move is seen as a tactical retreat to a more stable ministerial base amid government instability.
- **Andy Burnham:** The Manchester Mayor is actively being positioned by Labor parliamentarians to [replace Keir Starmer](#) as UK Prime Minister, signaling a potential shift toward a more populist, northern-centric Labor policy.
- **Kęstutis Budrys:** His tenure as Lithuanian Foreign Minister is currently [contingent on his ability](#) to improve relations with China within the next six months.
- **Mindaugas Aušra:** Awarded the "Golden Bee" for [Journalist of the Year](#) at LRT, highlighting the state broadcaster's emphasis on investigative reporting during times of conflict.

EDITORIAL POSTURE & STORY HIERARCHY

The LRT broadcast maintains a posture of "national resilience," balancing grave security reporting with cultural segments designed to reinforce Lithuanian identity. The **Lead Stories** were the Polish-Ukrainian rift and the

Iranian maritime blockade, both framed as immediate threats to national and regional stability. The **Buried Stories** included the specific economic impacts of fuel rationing in Crimea, which was treated as a tactical win for Ukraine rather than a humanitarian concern. The tone is largely analytical but possesses an underlying anxiety regarding the reliability of NATO allies like Poland. Conspicuous omissions include any detailed discussion of the internal Russian political response to Ukrainian drone strikes on strategic assets, focusing instead on the [military mechanics](#) of the attacks.

GEOPOLITICAL FRAMING

The world is portrayed as a fracturing multipolar arena where traditional alliances are under extreme strain from historical grievances and autonomous technological shifts. Revisionist powers like Iran and Russia are framed as competent but malevolent actors, while Western leaders are often depicted as struggling with internal polarization and bureaucratic inertia.

COUNTRIES

- **Poland:** Portrayed as a principled but [volatile ally](#) that is currently prioritizing nationalist history over contemporary security needs.
- **Ukraine:** Characterized as a [technologically innovative](#) victim of aggression that is being unfairly abandoned by its neighbors over historical semantics.
- **Iran:** Framed as a [strategic spoiler](#) using maritime chokepoints to dictate the terms of global diplomacy.

- **Belarus:** Depicted as a [vulnerable client state](#) of Russia, increasingly fearful that the war it facilitates will eventually consume its own capital.

LEADERS

- **Volodymyr Zelensky:** Portrayed as a [dignified warrior-statesman](#) who is being forced to fight a two-front war: one against Russia and another against allied "memory politics."
- **Karol Nawrocki:** Framed as a [nationalist hardliner](#) whose actions are providing a "gift to Moscow."
- **Keir Starmer:** Characterized as a [weakening leader](#) who has lost the authority to manage his own cabinet and party.

INFORMATION WARFARE ENVIRONMENT

The information environment is dominated by the competitive framing of the Polish-Ukrainian dispute. Russian state media has aggressively [amplified the rift](#), using it to validate their narrative that Ukraine is an inherently unstable partner for Europe. Simultaneously, Belarus is engaging in [narrative seeding](#) by claiming Ukrainian surveillance equipment is an act of aggression, providing a potential *casus belli* for future intervention. Within Lithuania, the framing of the PM's resignation as "natural rotation" appears to be a [controlled leak](#) intended to minimize public perception of government instability.

HYPOTHESES AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

- **Polish-Ukrainian Cold Peace:** The revocation of awards will likely lead to a cooling of military cooperation between Warsaw and Kyiv, potentially resulting in [logistical bottlenecks](#) for Western aid flowing through Poland.
- **Iranian Leverage Surge:** By closing the Strait of Hormuz, Tehran will likely force the U.S. to offer [sanctions relief](#) in exchange for reopening the waterway, undermining the "maximum pressure" campaign.
- **Belarusian Escalation:** The ultimatum regarding surveillance equipment suggests that Belarus may be preparing to [partially mobilize](#) or permit a new Russian offensive from its territory within the month.

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

Short Term (1-4 Weeks): Expect a [spike in energy prices](#) and potential maritime insurance hikes due to the Hormuz closure. Domestic unrest in Crimea may grow as [fuel rationing](#) begins to impact food distribution.

Medium Term (1-6 Months): A potential [change in UK leadership](#) could alter the level of British military commitment to Ukraine. Lithuania's shift toward China could lead to [friction with the U.S.](#) if not managed carefully.

Long Term (1-5 Years): The normalization of [autonomous combat robots](#) will lead to a new global arms race in AI-driven land systems, permanently altering the doctrine of territorial defense.

RISK ASSESSMENT

- **Regional Energy Shock:** Iran's blockade of the Strait of Hormuz could lead to a global recession. **Triggers:** Continued military operations in Lebanon or failed Swiss negotiations. **Likelihood:** High. **Impact:** Critical. **Mitigations:** Strategic oil reserve releases and U.S. naval escorts.
- **Polish-Ukrainian Alliance Collapse:** Deepening historical disputes could lead to a suspension of the [mutual defense agreement](#). **Triggers:** New Ukrainian military honors for controversial figures. **Likelihood:** Medium. **Impact:** High. **Mitigations:** Third-party (U.S./Germany) mediation.
- **Crimean Humanitarian Crisis:** Total loss of fuel and infrastructure could lead to mass [civilian displacement](#). **Triggers:** Destructions of the Kerch Bridge. **Likelihood:** Medium. **Impact:** Medium. **Mitigations:** Reopening of sea corridors for civilian aid.
- **Heatwave Mass Mortality:** Record temperatures could overwhelm Western [healthcare systems](#). **Triggers:** Sustained temperatures over 45°C. **Likelihood:** High. **Impact:** High. **Mitigations:** National cooling centers and grid hardening.
- **Belarusian Military Entry:** Lukashenko may be forced to [open a northern front](#). **Triggers:** Expiration of the one-week ultimatum. **Likelihood:** Low-Medium. **Impact:** High. **Mitigations:** Deployment of NATO rapid reaction forces to the Suwalki Gap.

GAPS & BLIND SPOTS

- The transcripts do not explain the [U.S. Vice President's](#) last-minute cancellation of his trip to the Middle East, which may signal a deeper diplomatic failure than reported.
- There is a lack of information regarding the **health of Belarusian leadership** despite admissions of critical vulnerability.
- The **exact casualties** from Ukrainian strikes on Russian strategic objects in the interior remain unverified by independent sources.
- The **long-term physiological effects** of the European heatwave on agricultural yields for the 2026 harvest are entirely ignored.

CONTRARIAN NARRATIVE SCENARIOS

- **The Polish "Strategic Feint":** The revocation of Zelensky's award might not be a rift, but a [stalling tactic](#) by the Polish government to appease domestic nationalist factions before a major new military commitment to Ukraine.
- **Hormuz as a Diversion:** The Strait of Hormuz closure could be a [distraction](#) for a major Iranian cyber-attack on Western financial infrastructure, aimed at causing chaos during the Swiss negotiations.
- **Black Swan: Automated Mutiny:** The widespread deployment of [autonomous ground robots](#) in Ukraine could lead to a catastrophic friendly-fire incident if signal-jamming creates an "identification-friend-or-foe" (IFF) failure, resulting in the loss of an entire Ukrainian battalion.

RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

For Statecraft/Public Sector:

- Prioritize **historical diplomacy** to prevent memory politics from disrupting military supply chains between Poland and Ukraine.
- Accelerate **maritime security coalitions** in the Persian Gulf to mitigate the impact of the Hormuz blockade.
- Integrate **heat-stress protocols** into national defense and infrastructure planning.

For Private Sector/Investors:

- Prepare for **extreme energy volatility** and supply chain delays originating from the Middle East.
- Invest in **autonomous logistics startups**, as the Ukrainian conflict has proven the viability and necessity of these systems.
- Hedge against **European agricultural shortfalls** due to the record heatwave and potential water rationing.

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

Legislative activity centered on social welfare reforms and regional security measures. In Lithuania, the parliament is debating the expansion of child-rearing benefits, while the UK Parliament is seeing the introduction of [leadership challenges](#) that could lead to an early general election or a change in government policy.

BILLS DISCUSSED/DEBATED:

- **Extended Childcare Leave Amendment:** A proposal to extend paid leave for parents of premature babies by [8-12 weeks](#).

- **Strategic Resource Allocation Act:** Internal UK Labor policy to shift funding toward [Northern infrastructure](#).

HEARINGS & PRESS EVENTS:

- **Polish Presidential Briefing:** Announced the revocation of [state honors](#) for Zelensky.
- **Lukashenko's Border Security Address:** Issued the [one-week ultimatum](#) to Ukraine.
- **Swiss Diplomatic Presser:** Confirmed the postponement of [Iran-US talks](#).

KEY STORIES

- **Poland Revokes Zelensky's Highest Award:** President Nawrocki stripped Zelensky of the Order of the White Eagle due to historical disputes regarding the UPA, a move [condemned by Kyiv](#).
- **Strait of Hormuz Closed:** Iran has [blocked the waterway](#), citing US and Israeli violations of agreements in Lebanon.
- **Lithuanian PM Resigns:** Inga Ruginienė is [stepping down](#) to return to a ministerial role in a "natural rotation" of power.
- **European Heatwave Records:** France, UK, and Spain report temperatures [over 40°C](#), with record heat in Switzerland.
- **Belarusian Border Ultimatum:** Lukashenko demanded Ukraine [dismantle equipment](#) within a week or face retaliation.
- **Ground Robot Logistics in Ukraine:** Ground-based autonomous systems are now performing [90% of frontline deliveries](#).
- **Crimean Fuel Rationing:** Occupied territories have introduced [coupons](#) following strikes on strategic fuel depots.
- **Keir Starmer Leadership Crisis:** Labor MPs are pushing for [Andy Burnham](#) to take over as PM.
- **Israel-Hezbollah Escalation:** Strikes in Lebanon have killed [16 people](#), disrupting global diplomacy.
- **LRT "Golden Bee" Awards:** Investigative journalists [Mindaugas Aušra](#) and others were honored for their work on regional security.
- **Premature Baby Leave Protest:** Lithuanian parents are [lobbying parliament](#) for longer paid leave for "ankstukai."
- **Baltic Tourism Price Hikes:** Resorts in Palanga and Neringa report [5-8% inflation](#) in accommodation costs.
- **Mitkiškiai Knife Reconstruction:** Historical reconstruction of [13th-century weaponry](#) highlights Baltic resilience.
- **Ona Šimaitė Profile:** A deep dive into the life of the [Righteous Among the Nations](#) librarian who saved Jews in the Vilnius Ghetto.
- **Alvydas Masiliūnas honored:** The 77-year-old was named [Gentleman of the Year](#) in Panevėžys.
- **Stanislovas Rezgevičius Profile:** The 80-year-old musician and paraglider [continues to fly](#) and perform.
- **Zombie Fungi Cultural Deep Dive:** Analysis of [Cordyceps](#) and its biological mechanisms, popularized by the series "The Last of Us."
- **Harkiv Residential Strike:** A Russian bomb hit a residential building in Harkiv, [killing one](#) and wounding nine.
- **Lithuania-China Normalization:** Foreign Minister Budrys is [evaluating ties](#) with Beijing.

- **Australian-Lithuanian Diaspora:** Reports on the [cultural activities](#) of Lithuanians in Melbourne and their response to the war.
- **Beach Land Purchase:** Lithuanian municipalities are [buying private lakeside land](#) to create public beaches.

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