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## Lithuanian Prime Minister Andrius Kubilius Says Russia Ought to Say the Whole European Union is Coddling Neo-Nazis

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Lithuanian prime minister Andrius Kubilius said statements by the Russian Foreign Ministry that Lithuania coddles neo-Nazis are strange and thinks that in that case the Russian Foreign Ministry should say the entire EU coddles neo-Nazis.

“Thanks to Lithuania’s active policy it is being understood better and more clearly throughout the EU that Stalin’s crimes against humanity need to be judged in the same way Hitler’s crimes against humanity are judged. And not just Stalin’s [crimes], but [those] of the entire Soviet period, because January 13 [1990, massacre of more than a dozen Lithuanian independence activists at the Lithuanian Television Tower in Vilnius—trans] is a consequence of this same criminal regime,” the Lithuanian prime minister said on the Ziniu radijas radio program Thursday.

He noted that trends in the EU on this topic look favorable: understanding that the crimes of Stalinism need to be condemned and studied is growing, while Stalinist symbols are banned just like those of Hitler.

“One can only regret that the Russian Foreign Ministry does not understand this European policy taking a turn for the good, but recalling the conclusion of a working group formed by Dmitri Medvedev that Russia herself needs to de-Stalinize, I believe we will see changes for the better,” the Lithuanian prime minister said.

According to RIA Novosti, the Russian Foreign Ministry Wednesday said the Lithuanian government continues to work with neo-Nazis and is ignoring the lessons of history.