

Actions taken by the Lithuanian Government in 2011 and 2012 and international responses (selection only):

BACKGROUND FACTS

- 96.4% Lithuanian Jews were slaughtered 220,000 (the largest percentage in Europe, because of the massive voluntary participation of "patriots", many of whom were **honoured** by the Lithuanian government in 2011-2012 (2011 honours for the Lithuanian Activist front, and the 1941 Nazi puppet prime minister reburied with full honours and massive ceremonies in 2012).
- Not a single Lithuanian Holocaust perpetrator has been punished in Lithuania since it became independent but rather the authorities try to prosecute Jewish anti-Nazi Soviet partisans on trumped up war crimes and to inflate the number of brave Lithuanians who helped Jews. To this day, these cases, all publicly announced with massive public defamation by prosecutors, have not been publicly closed with letters of closure/apology/good will from authorities.

1. Holocaust Survivors accused of being war criminals by the Lithuanian Government

- YITZHAK ARAD was the first Holocaust survivor to be called a war criminal by Lithuanian gov. officials (2006). In 2008 two women Fanya Brantsovsky and Rachel Margolis (who can't return, at 91, for one last look at her hometown, Vilnius) were accused, and police sent to "look for them" after which the prosecutors' office announced that "they can't be found" leading to hysteria in the media about "the Jews hiding their war criminals".....

Note: Lithuanian government have to date FAILED TO write to Rachel Margolis, 91, saying they are sorry and she can come to visit Vilnius anytime (surely the AMBASSADOR in UK HERSELF can write such a letter, congratulating Dr. Margolis on a lifetime of accomplishments for Lithuania, helping free the country from Nazi rule, then 45 years as a biology teacher at Vilnius University, then as a co-founder of the one respected Holocaust museum in the country?)

Response: Early Day Motion 2161, primary sponsor John Mann, 08.09.2011 re Joseph Melamed accused by the Lithuanian government for slander because in a 1999 book he published a list of suspected war criminals and asked the prosecutors to investigate while suspects and witnesses were alive. He never heard back. Then, a dozen years later, Interpol liaison agents turned up to harass him with questions about "slander". Mr. Melamed is a Holocaust survivor (Kovno Ghetto) who lost his entire family.

<http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2010-12/2161>

2. The 1941 Nazi puppet prime minister reburied in 2012 by Lithuanian government with full honours

- Juozas Ambrazevičius (pronounced amm---brah---ZAV---itch--oos who signed the order for the Jews of Kovno/Kaunas to be herded into a ghetto was **REBURIED in 2012** by the order of the prime minister and culture minister. There were glittering ceremonies.

Note: Lithuanian government gave in 2012 big \$\$ to rebury and glorify the Nazi era prime minister

Response: For info on Juozas Ambazevicius, the head of the Lithuanian Provisional government see '*Lithuania's Shame*' article by Efraim Zuroff 15.5.2012 in The Jerusalem Post <http://www.jpost.com/Opinion/Op-EdContributors/Article.aspx?id=270124>

3. Neo Nazi Marches organised by the chief specialist of the (state-funded!) Genocide Centre and permitted by the Lithuanian government

Note: The Lithuanian government

- in 2010 allowed a judge's order to legalise public swastikas to go unchallenged, and they have been legal to this day'
- since 2008, allow two neo-Nazi parades to take place each year in the city centres of the two main cities: in Kaunas on 16 February and in Vilnius on 11 March.
- Employs the organiser of the Neo-Nazi marches as a "chief specialist" at the state funded Genocide Centre. He is Ričardas Čekutis. See: <http://defendinghistory.com/tag/ricardas-cekutis> for a number of articles.

Response:

<http://www.change.org/petitions/lithuanian-ambassador-to-the-united-states-ban-neo-nazis-from-desecrating-the-dignity-of-lithuanias-independence-day>

<http://www.thejc.com/news/world-news/64800/calls-ban-baltic-neo-nazi-marches>

4. The Genocide Centre of Lithuania and the institutions/museums it controls (Genocide Museum, the Lenin Park etc) honour collaborators

Note: Lithuanian government gave big \$\$ in 2012 to the Tuskulenai Peace Park in Vilnius where HUNDREDS of Jew-shooters are HONORED

Response:

<http://defendinghistory.com/the-genocide-center>

<http://holocaustinthebaltics.com/the-genocide-museum>

Related reports at: www.DefendingHistory.com (particularly Milan Chersonki's recent article at <http://defendinghistory.com/?p=42598>)

5. Deeply offensive statements made by Lithuanian Foreign Ministers in 2012

- Letter from Denis MacShane to Mr Andriukaitis 24 Jan 2012 re statement by Foreign Minister of Lithuania Audronius Azubalic '*It is not possible to find differences between Hitler and Stalin, except in their moustaches (Hitler's was shorter)*'.

<http://defendinghistory.com/uk-mp-denis-macshanes-january-24th-2012-letter-to-lithuanian-mp-vytenis-povilas-andriukaitis/44516#more-44516>

- Foreign Minister Vygaudas Usackas, currently the EU special Representative to Afghanistan , who wrote a Wall Street Journal op-ed in which he characterised the Nazi occupation of his homeland during the years 1941-1945 as '*a few years' respite from the communists*'.

<http://www.haaretz.com/print-edition/opinion/don-t-rehabilitate-the-guilty-1.407063>

6. Conferences/meetings funded by the Lithuanian Government with aim to obfuscate the Holocaust:

- 28 and 29 June 2011 organised by the Lithuanian Parliament 'Seimas' and Genocide and resistance research centre of Lithuania, Vilnius, aim to rehabilitate the memory of the organisers of the 1941 Pogroms and present as partisans against Russia rather than willing collaborators
- PART 1 of LONDON conference at Lithuanian Embassy 2011
- Meeting with Imperial War Museum and Lithuanian Genocide Centre and Jewish Museum Vilnius Sept 2012
- Dec 17-19 2012 Part 2 of LONDON conference at Lithuanian Embassy
<http://lithuaniaconference.eventbrite.co.uk/#>

Response: Articles in the Press

<http://www.timesofisrael.com/pardoning-nazism-in-the-name-of-lithuanian-jewish-relations/>

<http://www.totallyjewish.com/news/national/c-18722/imperial-war-museum-defends-invitation-to-shoah-revisionists/>

<http://www.thejc.com/the-holocaust/44728/a-shameful-shoah-whitewash>

<http://defendinghistory.com/london-fog/12074>

Final Argument to scholars and holocaust survivors who plan to participate in the conference 17-19 December 2012 run by the Lithuanian embassy:

I am sorry to have to place you in this difficult situation but I feel it is only right that if you do choose to chair an event with individuals from the Lithuanian embassy that you are aware of the kind of tricks their government is currently up to and not have your good name grossly abused in the process. The problem is that whatever is said or not said at such meetings fades in importance when compared to the huge propaganda victory the far right Holocaust manipulators have when Holocaust survivors and scholars such as yourself give indirect legitimacy to their recent actions by hosting an event with them. A government that invests millions in rehabilitating Holocaust perpetrators, criminalising Jewish partisans, making anti-Semitism acceptable in its society, and that continues to employ the main organiser of neo-Nazi marches in Lithuania as a "chief specialist"! For these reasons you must not have your good name grossly abused, for in chairing an event with such persons, and I am genuinely very sorry to have to point this out, you will unwittingly be HELPING those writing the Holocaust out of history (as one of many equal genocides at the time) and BETRAY both the victims and survivors.