
LITHUANIA BANS HEZBOLLAH AFFILIATES IN MOVE HAILED BY ISRAEL

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Lithuania has announced that individuals affiliated with the Lebanese Shia Hezbollah movement will be banned from entering the country, in a move welcomed by Israel, which sees the group as a regional threat.

Lithuanian Foreign Minister Linas Linkevicius said the country stands beside the United States, Germany, the United Kingdom and the Netherlands, which declared Hezbollah in its entirety "a terrorist group".

Most other European Union states distinguish between the group's military and political wings, only classifying the former as a "terrorist" entity.

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