
**LITHUANIA EXPECTED TO PUT TAJIKISTAN ON THE LIST OF COUNTRIES DEEMED
'UNFRIENDLY'**

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The Lithuanian public broadcaster, Lithuanian Radio and Television, or LRT, reported yesterday that as Lithuanian lawmakers are considering amendments that would ban the countrys troops from travelling to unfriendly countries, the Ministry of Defense (MoD) has proposed including on the list not only Russia and Belarus but also China and the Transnistria region of Moldova.

The ministry has drafted a resolution for the government to approve a list of foreign countries or territories professional troops would be banned from travelling to for off-duty purposes. The changes would come into force in January.

The list of banned countries would include Russia and its occupied Crimea, Belarus, as well as Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, China, Kyrgyzstan, the Transnistria region of Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and the Abkhazian and South Ossetia regions of Georgia.

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