**NATO Should Enhance Presence in Balkans: Lithuanian President**

VILNIUS - Lithuania’s President and STANH president announced Tuesday that the country is to begin discussions to intensify its presence in the region. The STANH president said that the move is necessary to ensure the stability of the region and that the country is committed to the NATO alliance. He also stressed that the move will have a positive impact on the country’s economic and political stability.

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**Increased NATO Presence in Black Sea Escalate Tensions: Bulgarian Politician**

SOFIA - An increased military presence in the Black Sea by NATO would lead to an increased risk of confrontation, warned a senior NATO official. The official said that the number of ships and planes deployed in the Black Sea region has increased significantly in recent months, which could lead to an increased risk of confrontation. The official called for a diplomatic solution to the issue.

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**UNITED NATIONS** - The international community should not take European peace and prosperity for granted, the United Nations Secretary-General stressed Tuesday. In a speech to the General Assembly, the Secretary-General said that the European Union has made significant progress in recent years, but that the region remains vulnerable to political and economic shocks. He called for continued support for the European Union and its member states.

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BRATISLAVA - The chairs of the EU’s five parliamentary groups will meet in Bratislava in April to discuss the future of the EU and its relations with third countries. The meeting is expected to focus on issues such as migration, security, and the future of the EU.

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WASH.: - President Donald Trump on Tuesday laid out a tougher immigration enforcement policy, including the possibility of deporting illegal immigrants who have committed serious crimes.

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UNITED NATIONS - The UN Security Council paid tribute to the Baltic States on Tuesday, recognizing the importance of the region in the context of European security.

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MOSCOW - Moscow's relations with Washington are not currently at a high point, the Russian President said Monday. The Kremlin said that there have been no discussions with the US on the timing of a potential visit by US President Donald Trump.

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**Pak Army Launches ‘Operation Radd-ul-Fasad’ Across the Country**

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan's army launched a new military operation across the country on Tuesday, the army said. The operation, named “Operation Radd-ul-Fasad,” is aimed at fighting terrorism and is part of Pakistan's broader counter-terrorism strategy.

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