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NATO Secretary General and North Atlantic Council to visit Exercise Griffin Storm conducted by the enhanced Vigilance Activities Brigade in Lithuania

The North Atlantic Council is the most important decision-making body in NATO. Next Monday, the North Atlantic Council ambassadors are going to visit Lithuania to observe a training phase of Exercise Griffin Storm together with NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg, Lithuanian President Gitanas Nausėda, Federal Minister of Defence Boris Pistorius, and the Minister of National Defence of the Republic of Lithuania, Arvydas Anušauskas.

The NATO Secretary General and the North Atlantic Council ambassadors will thus gain a first-hand impression of the commitment displayed by the Bundeswehr at NATO's Eastern flank, and the close bonds between Germany and Lithuania.

Media representatives are cordially invited to the press briefing. Please request accreditation from the Army Press Information Centre by Thursday, 22 June 2023, 12:00 hrs using the form attached.

In the evening, former President of Lithuania Dalia Grybauskaitė will be awarded the Manfred Wörner Medal by the Federal Minister of Defence. The NATO Secretary General is going to deliver the laudatory speech in her honour.

Separate accreditation is required for this second event (see second accreditation form).



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Information for Media Representatives

<u>Date and Time</u>	Monday, 26 June 2023, 10:30 hrs																
<u>Venue:</u>	General Silvestras Žukauskas Training Area Meškerinė 18174 Pabradė, Lithuania Please follow the signs! Routing: https://goo.gl/maps/VmwDHGYMMzsJ4Pat7																
<u>Point of Contact and Accreditation:</u>	Army Press and Information Centre Email: kdohpizhpresse@bundeswehr.org																
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Approx. 14:55 hrs Photo opportunity with the NATO Secretary General, the Federal Minister of Defence, the Lithuanian President, the Lithuanian Minister of National Defence, and exercise participants

Approx. 15:05 hrs Press statements
to 15:30 hrs

Subsequently End of the press programme at Pabradė Training Area

From 19:00 hrs Awarding of the Manfred Wörner Medal to
to 21:00 hrs the former President of Lithuania, Dalia Grybauskaitė, by the Federal Minister of Defence
(Separate accreditation required – see second accreditation form.)

- No admission to either event without prior accreditation.
- Late accreditation is not possible.
- We recommend wearing weather-resistant clothing and sturdy footwear during your stay at the training area.
- Business attire is recommended for the award ceremony.
- Further information can be found under the following link:
<https://nextcloud.auf.bundeswehr.de/s/bTB3TG6qeSe7Gqc>

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