

## **Lithuanian PM hopes persons behind anti-Semitic provocation will be punished**

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VILNIUS, Aug 25, BNS - Lithuania's Prime Minister Andrius Kubilius has expressed hope that perpetrators of the anti-Semitic provocation in Kaunas this weekend will be identified and punished.

"The prime minister applauds the start of the investigation of the anti-Semitic provocation and hopes that it will be successful and lead to identification and punishment of the perpetrators," reads a press release circulated by the government.

A pig head with Jewish curls and a hat was discovered outside a synagogue in Lithuania's second-largest city Kaunas on Saturday during the city festival Hanza Kaunas 2010.

"Antisemitism is always deterrent, however, the manifestations in Lithuania are particularly unpleasant, as they undermine the efforts to foster a once strong tradition of tolerance. At the same time, anti-Semitic actions are defiant disrespect of the common history of Lithuanians and Jews, which had many good things, however, also the Holocaust tragedy," prime minister's adviser Virgis Valentinavicius said in the press release.