

Lithuanian parliament chair to open EP conference dedicated to 70th anniversary of Molotov-Ribbentrop pact

VILNIUS, Oct 13, BNS - Lithuanian Parliamentary Speaker Irena Degutiene is leaving for Brussels on Tuesday evening to open a conference held at the European Parliament (EP) on Wednesday marking 70 years since the signature of the Molotov-Ribbentrop pact.

MP Emanuelis Zingeris, the head of the international Vilnius-based commission for evaluation of Nazi and Soviet crimes, will accompany Degutiene to Brussels, make a report at the conference and present the national experience in overcoming consequences of totalitarian past, the Lithuanian parliament's press service reported.

The conference is held by Baltic MPs in cooperation with the European Parliament and the European Commission on Oct. 13-14.

The event is intended to review the 1939 events, the Molotov-Ribbentrop pact and its consequences upon further development of Europe, mark 20 years since the fall of the Iron Curtain and discuss further steps to retain the historical memory and improve public awareness about the crimes committed by the two largest totalitarian regimes of the 20th century.