

MP Zingeris: Lithuania can't tolerate rage of anti-ethnic vandals

VILNIUS, Apr 12, BNS – Emanuelis Zingeris, chairman of the Lithuanian parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee, has censured tainting of the IX Fort of Kaunas with swastikas, stating that Lithuania could not tolerate rage of vandals in sacred places.

"I condemn the desecration of memory of victims of the Holocaust performed at Fort IX of Kaunas. I hope the Lithuanian society will do the same. (...) Lithuania cannot tolerate the rage of ethnically-motivated vandals in sacred places, which are dedicated to memory of annihilation of a nation," Zingeris said in a press.

He expressed certitude that law-enforcement officials would manage "to investigate the shameful anti-Semitic provocation without delay."

Kaunas police has said that 13 swastikas were discovered on memorial plaques and other places at the fort on Monday.

During the Nazi Germany's rule over Lithuania, the fort was used as a venue for mass annihilation. Thousands of Jews from Lithuania, France, Austria and Germany were murdered there. The fort currently houses a museum.