

# Vilnius Criticizes Gazprom

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Lithuania will not allow threats of legal action by Gazprom and E.On, owners of the country's gas utility, to thwart efforts to open the market to competition, Energy Minister Arvydas Sekmoka said Wednesday.

"The tone of the E.On and Gazprom letters is in the spirit of an ultimatum addressed to the highest heads of the state," Sekmoka said at a news conference in Vilnius.

"Threats about arbitration" in the case "can be perceived as pressure of large companies on a small country," he said. ☒

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