

Lithuania Bars Soviet Porsche

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A Belarussian man driving a Porsche sports car emblazoned with the Soviet flag was denied entry into Lithuania on the grounds that the public display of such symbols in the Baltic country is illegal.

The front hood of the offending Porsche 966 — driven by a 26-year-old man — had a giant Soviet flag painted on it, complete with a yellow hammer and sickle symbol and star, said a spokesman for Lithuania's state border guard service.

"The border guards suggested the driver leave his car behind and enter Lithuania by foot or by bus, which he refused to do," he said of Tuesday's incident.

Vilnius banned the public display of Soviet symbols in 2008, sparking protests from Russia.

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