

Latvian SS Veterans March in Defiance of City Duma Ban

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A march of Latvian veterans of the Nazi SS set for March 16th in defiance of the City Duma's ban will damage Latvia's image abroad. A statement to that effect came from parliamentary deputy Andrei Klementiev. Waffen SS marches are held in the capital Riga annually on March 16th. President Valdis Zatlers said in March 2008 that he did not regard Latvian SS veterans who took part in mass killings of Jews and representatives of other ethnic minorities in Latvia and Belarus during the war as Nazis. Anti-Nazi campaigners are holding protests on March 16th.

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