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## Fact Sheet

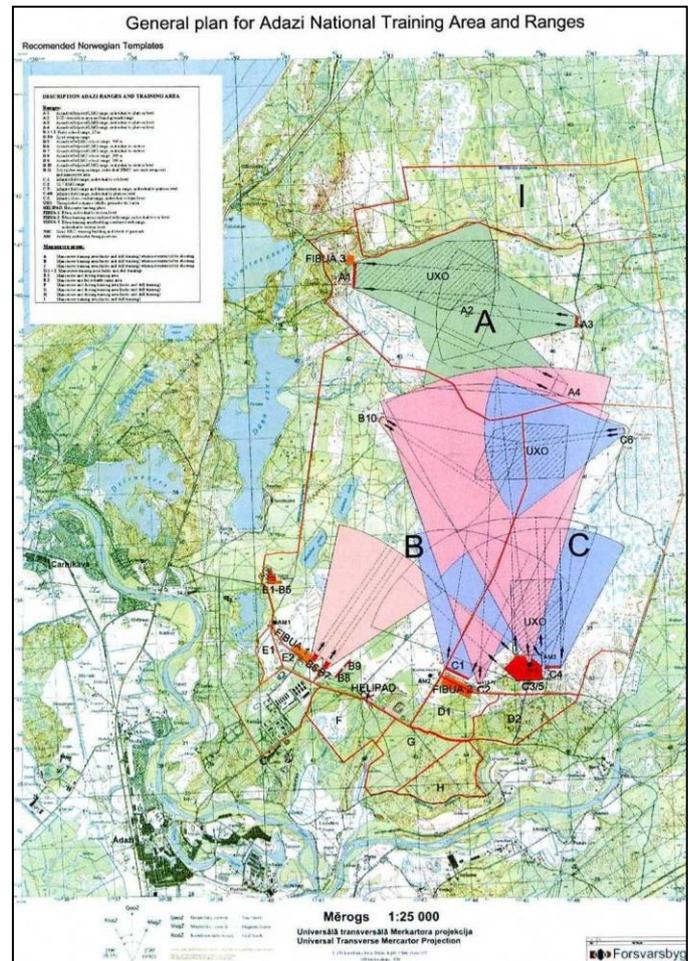
### ADAZI TRAINING AREA (LVA – ĀDAŽU POLIGONS)

(Source: Latvian Ministry of Defence)

The first evidence about military activities in the present territory of the training area refers to 20-30ties of 20th century. Training area of Adazi is very unique place because the rare species of biotopes in this large area – 7950 hectares (8x12km) can exist and develop only in compatibility with military exercises.

Training area of Adazi has been used by the Latvian Army artillery units from 1937 till 1940. Its first name was „Gauja`s trainga area” (10500 hectares). From 1945 till 1953 the training area was used by the division of Red Latvian Riflemen of the USSR (*Union of Soviet Socialist Republics*) Army 43rd Guards. From 1953 till 1963 the area was used by units of the 24th Tank Division of the USSR Army. From 1969 till 1993 the Motorized Riflemen and Chemical Defence Battalion of the USSR Army were located in the Adazi Training Area. In 1994 the National Armed forces of Latvia took over the training area from the Russian Federation.

Training area is located 25 km to North direction from capital of Latvia – Riga. Taking into account the rare biotope significant for biological diversity, as well as the occurrence of rare and especially protected species, conservation zoning has been elaborated, establishing two groups of protected, natural areas - the protected natural areas under strict protection and those of limited activity.



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Natural areas of strict protection in the Adazi Training Area are the natural reserve Lieluika and Mazuika lakes, 24 forest key biotopes, four unadjusted river protective zones and a micro-reserve. There are 11 natural area micro reserves of limited activity, 15 dune biotopes, five forest biotopes, two bog biotopes and three adjusted river protective zones.

The training area is used for live firing and tactical exercises. It is available also for civilian activities for instance - gathering berries, mushrooms, sport activities. Military hunting club “Lilaste” is responsible for hunting activities. Training area and its exploitation is managed by State Agency for Defence Properties and 3d Regional Logistics Centre.

All necessary information for visitors of the Adazi Training Area may be found at the notice boards distributed near the major roads of the training area. In order to disallow unauthorized access to the combat shooting area, the chaining posts are located on the major roads of the area.

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