The development of Latvian EOD
Captain Oskars Lejnieks

Agenda
- Situation;
- History;
- Development of Latvian EOD;
- Statistics;
- Clearance of contaminated areas;
- Clearance of shooting ranges;
- Questions?
Situation

- WWI;
- WWII;
- Soviet times;
- Ammunition storages;
- Training areas;

History

- 1991
  - NG battalions;
  - Special sapper unit;
- 1998
  - Bilateral agreement between MoD of Norway and MoD of Latvia to develop EOD capability in Latvia;
- 1999
  - Latvian soldiers graduated from the EOD school of Norwegian Armed Forces.
- 2000 un 2001
  - Norwegian Armed Forces EOD specialists led the EOD course in Latvia.
- 2002
  - The Latvian EOD school was established (1st of April);
- 2003
  - Latvian EOD trainers led first EOD course in Latvia;
  - The EOD company was established (27th of October);
- 2005
  - Latvian IEDD trainers led first IEDD course in Latvia.
International training at Latvian EOD school

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Clearance of contaminated areas

- Considerations (old ammunition storage):
  - Population in the area;
  - Ammunition state – armed or safe;
  - Vegetation;
  - Ground;
  - To organize constant clearance operation or periodically (once a year);
  - Synchronization of all activities (visual search, search with metal detectors or dig by technic);
  - BIP (blow in place);
  - PUCA (pick up and carry away);
  - Operation/Exercise "DETONATOR"

Clearance of shooting ranges

- More dangerous due to the fact, that UXO (unexploded ordnance) are at armed state;
- Active shooting range;
- Former shooting range (Zvarde);
Questions?