



HUNGARY



Background: Hungary was part of the polyglot Austro-Hungarian Empire, which collapsed during World War I. The country fell under Communist rule following World War II. In 1956, a revolt and announced withdrawal from the Warsaw Pact were met with a massive military intervention by Moscow. Under the leadership of Janos KADAR in 1968, Hungary began liberalizing its economy, introducing so-called "Goulash

Communism." Hungary held its first multiparty elections in 1990 and initiated a free market economy. It joined NATO in 1999 and the EU in 2004.

Geography Hungary. Location: Central Europe, northwest of Romania. Area: total: 93,030 sq km. Area - comparative: slightly smaller than Indiana. Land boundaries: total: 2,171 km. Border countries: Austria 366 km, Croatia 329 km, Romania 443 km, Serbia 151 km, Slovakia 677 km, Slovenia 102 km, Ukraine 103 km. Coastline: 0 km (landlocked). Climate: temperate; cold, cloudy, humid winters; warm summers. Terrain: mostly flat to rolling plains; hills and low mountains on the Slovakian border. Natural resources: bauxite, coal, natural gas, fertile soils, arable land. Geography - note: landlocked; strategic location astride main land routes between Western Europe and Balkan Peninsula as well as between the Ukraine and Mediterranean basin; the north-south flowing Duna (Danube) and Tisza Rivers divide the country into three large regions. (CIA World Factbook 2006)

1933 Car, Armd, 4x4, Straussler AC I

1975 Veh, Recce, 4x4, PSZH-D-944. 200 were delivered to Iraq in 1981. As of 2003, Hungary still had 261 PSZH carriers in service.

1935 Car, Armd, 4x4, Weiss-Straussler AC II

1939 Car, Armd, 4x4, Csaba 39-M

1996 Veh, Attack, Light, Szocske 4x4.

1960 Carr, Wpns, 2P27 (AT-1 Snapper on BRDM-1).

2003 Carr, Pers, Armd, 8x8. BTR-80. As of 2003, Hungary had 527 BTR-80s on hand.



2003 Carr, Pers, Armd, 8x8. BTR-80A. As of 2003, Hungary had 178 BTR-80As in service.

Remarks: (see Russia for vehicle details).

1970 Carr, Pers, Armd, 8x8. OT-64/SKOT, (see Czechoslovakia for vehicle details).

1970 Veh, Recce, 4x4, FUG-70