



Juozas Lukša **Forest
Brothers**
The Account of an Anti-Soviet
Lithuanian Freedom Fighter.
1941-1948

Dear Mr./Ms. [REDACTED]

I am happy to inform you that *Forest Brothers*, a book of memoirs by Juozas Lukša-Daumantas, the legendary leader of the freedom fighters of Lithuania, is already available in English.

You are kindly invited to the presentation of the book at the Seimas Exhibition Gallery on **12 November 2009 at 2:00 p.m.**

The event will be attended by Mr Antanas Lukša, brother of the partisan leader, as well as Ms Laima Vincė Spruoginis, translator, and Mr Jonas Ohman, journalist and author of the documentary film about Juozas Lukša.

Vilija Aleknaitė-Abramikienė
Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, MP

We have recently celebrated the day of the Constitution of Lithuania. Among other Constitutional Acts of Lithuania there is one unprecedented document worth mentioning: the Declaration of the Council of the Lithuanian Freedom Fighters Reform Movement Sąjūdis of 16 February 1949. The document represents the culmination of the work done by the Lithuanian freedom fighters in establishing the organisation of armed resistance to the Soviet occupation and setting up the political and military command of the resistance movement. We take pride in the fact that regardless the occupation, mass murders, and repression, some people in Lithuania, its best representatives, worked with the future of Lithuania and the benefit of its citizens on their mind.

Juozas Lukša-Daumantas was one of them. His remarkable character has attracted the interest of a number of researchers. The book by Daumantas fills in the blanks of the after-war period and documents the history of national perseverance and strong will to re-establish independence.

Jonas Ohman, a Swedish journalist, writer, and documentary producer is well known in Lithuania. He has translated several Lithuanian books into Swedish with large acclaim.