

DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 17/05/2006	Accident number: 169
Accident time: not recorded	Accident Date: 23/08/1997
Where it occurred: Srah Chik Village, Siem Reap Province	Country: Cambodia
Primary cause: Field control inadequacy (?)	Secondary cause: Field control inadequacy (?)
Class: Victim inattention	Date of main report: 25/08/1997
ID original source: JPB	Name of source: CMAC/CIDEV
Organisation: Name removed	
Mine/device: Fuze	Ground condition: not applicable
Date record created: 14/02/2004	Date last modified: 14/02/2004
No of victims: 3	No of documents: 1

Map details

Longitude:	Latitude:
Alt. coord. system:	Coordinates fixed by:
Map east:	Map north:
Map scale: not recorded	Map series:
Map edition:	Map sheet:
Map name:	

Accident Notes

inadequate investigation (?)

no independent investigation available (?)

safety distances ignored (?)

Accident report

The group involved in this accident were involved in "Battle Area Clearance" or simple EOD tasks. Their operating procedures were not made available.

A one page description of the accident written in French by the group involved and dated 25th August 1997 was on file at the country MAC. The following summarises its content.

Victim No.1 was carrying a DK2 fuse to the collections pit and dropped it. It exploded when it hit the ground. The victim was leaning over slightly when it fell and received injuries to his

cheek and nose. The other two victims were close by and were hit on the back by fragments and small stones.

They were evacuated to a hospital but only Victim No.1 was detained for X-rays [results not stated]. The other two returned to work with only a change of shirt necessary.

Conclusion

The description concluded that the accident was caused by carelessness. There was some confusion over why the fuse had been found where it was and it was thought that perhaps someone wanted to use it for fishing. It was left in a trench that contained other ordnance [but presumably separated from it].

Recommendations

The demining group's internal investigator saw no need to change working procedures.

Victim Report

Victim number: 214	Name: Name removed
Age:	Gender: Male
Status: deminer	Fit for work: presumed
Compensation: not made available	Time to hospital: not recorded
Protection issued: Not recorded	Protection used: not recorded

Summary of injuries:

COMMENT

No medical report was made available.

Victim Report

Victim number: 215	Name: Name removed
Age:	Gender: Male
Status: deminer	Fit for work: presumed
Compensation: not made available	Time to hospital: not recorded
Protection issued: Not recorded	Protection used: not recorded

Summary of injuries:

INJURIES

minor Body

COMMENT

No medical report was made available.

Victim Report

Victim number: 216	Name: Name removed
Age:	Gender: Male
Status: deminer	Fit for work: presumed
Compensation: not made available	Time to hospital: not recorded
Protection issued: Not recorded	Protection used: not recorded

Summary of injuries:

INJURIES

minor Body

COMMENT

No medical report was made available.

Analysis

The primary cause of this accident is listed as a "*Field control inadequacy*" because the main victim was apparently breaching SOPs and his failure went uncorrected.

The fact that three people were injured by a small device is taken to indicate that safety distances were either inadequate or ignored.