

# DDAS Accident Report

## Accident details

<b>Report date:</b> 18/05/2006	<b>Accident number:</b> 231
<b>Accident time:</b> not recorded	<b>Accident Date:</b> 26/06/1997
<b>Where it occurred:</b> Tokiji, Dobo	<b>Country:</b> Bosnia Herzegovina
<b>Primary cause:</b> Field control inadequacy (?)	<b>Secondary cause:</b> Field control inadequacy (?)
<b>Class:</b> Handling accident	<b>Date of main report:</b> [No date recorded]
<b>ID original source:</b> Incident no.627	<b>Name of source:</b> other
<b>Organisation:</b> Name removed	
<b>Mine/device:</b> MRUD AP frag	<b>Ground condition:</b> not recorded
<b>Date record created:</b> 17/02/2004	<b>Date last modified:</b> 17/02/2004
<b>No of victims:</b> 3	<b>No of documents:</b> 1

## Map details

<b>Longitude:</b>	<b>Latitude:</b>
<b>Alt. coord. system:</b> GR:YK 342 566	<b>Coordinates fixed by:</b>
<b>Map east:</b> YK341565	<b>Map north:</b>
<b>Map scale:</b>	<b>Map series:</b>
<b>Map edition:</b>	<b>Map sheet:</b>
<b>Map name:</b>	

## Accident Notes

safety distances ignored (?)  
inadequate investigation (?)  
no independent investigation available (?)

## Accident report

Details of this accident were discovered in a document entitled "Synopsis of EA Military demining accidents 1997". The victims were DoS trained members of FWF/HVO engaged in "mine-lifting".

As part of the Peace Accord, the three active armies were required to engage in humanitarian demining. They did this without keeping the country MAC informed of their working methods or giving them access to conduct accident investigations.

The document stated that the team was active demining in an area with a "mixture" of AP mines including improvised MRUD directional fragmentation mines. A deminer was defusing

a MRUD and working directly in front of it. A second deminer was walking towards him to help and a third was observing "from about 10 metres away, also in direct line-of-sight".

"The mine detonated killing the two...closest to it and severely wounding the third."

### Victim Report

<b>Victim number:</b> 301	<b>Name:</b> Name removed
<b>Age:</b>	<b>Gender:</b> Male
<b>Status:</b> deminer	<b>Fit for work:</b> DECEASED
<b>Compensation:</b> not made available	<b>Time to hospital:</b> not recorded
<b>Protection issued:</b> Not recorded	<b>Protection used:</b> not recorded

#### Summary of injuries:

FATAL

COMMENT

No medical report was made available.

### Victim Report

<b>Victim number:</b> 302	<b>Name:</b> Name removed
<b>Age:</b>	<b>Gender:</b> Male
<b>Status:</b> deminer	<b>Fit for work:</b> DECEASED
<b>Compensation:</b> not made available	<b>Time to hospital:</b> not recorded
<b>Protection issued:</b> Not recorded	<b>Protection used:</b> not recorded

#### Summary of injuries:

FATAL

COMMENT

No medical report was made available.

### Victim Report

<b>Victim number:</b> 303	<b>Name:</b> Name removed
<b>Age:</b>	<b>Gender:</b> Male
<b>Status:</b> deminer	<b>Fit for work:</b> not known
<b>Compensation:</b> not made available	<b>Time to hospital:</b> not recorded
<b>Protection issued:</b> Not recorded	<b>Protection used:</b> not recorded

**Summary of injuries:**

## COMMENT

No medical report was made available. The victim's injuries were described as "severe".

**Analysis**

The primary cause of this accident is listed as a "*Field control inadequacy*" because the victims were close together while a directional fragmentation device was being defused. It may be that their working procedures allowed this, which would represent a significant failure to select appropriate procedures to minimise risk.