

# DDAS Accident Report

## Accident details

<b>Report date:</b> 16/03/2007	<b>Accident number:</b> 437
<b>Accident time:</b> 10:00	<b>Accident Date:</b> 29/09/2000
<b>Where it occurred:</b> State Road D7, verge, Dubosevica, Draz, OB	<b>Country:</b> Croatia
<b>Primary cause:</b> Other (?)	<b>Secondary cause:</b> Other (?)
<b>Class:</b> Vegetation removal accident	<b>Date of main report:</b> Not recorded
<b>ID original source:</b> None	<b>Name of source:</b> CROMAC
<b>Organisation:</b> [Name removed]	
<b>Mine/device:</b> Ordnance	<b>Ground condition:</b> ditch/channel/trench route (verge)
<b>Date record created:</b> 16/03/2007	<b>Date last modified:</b> 16/03/2007
<b>No of victims:</b> 1	<b>No of documents:</b> 1

## Map details

<b>Longitude:</b>	<b>Latitude:</b>
<b>Alt. coord. system:</b> Not recorded	<b>Coordinates fixed by:</b>
<b>Map east:</b>	<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

inadequate investigation (?)

no independent investigation available (?)

vegetation clearance problem (?)

## Accident report

In Croatia, demining accidents are investigated by the police and the reports are not made available to the public. In response to a request, the country MAC made available a spreadsheet record of accidents in November 2006. The spreadsheet data is so summarised that it is not possible to tell much about the circumstances surrounding the accident, but some detail may still be of use. In this example, the activity at the time of the accident is identified, and some of the injuries recorded.

In this case “while mine clearing procedure, in one canal by the state road D-7 was a vegetation burn and in other canal deminers from [Name excised] demining company were working. [The Victim] was hit in the back and legs while checking the fire.”

The “protection vests of [Name excised] demining company are protected only on a front side, still no information on what exactly had exploded”.

If possible, this record will be extended with further detail at a later date.

### **Victim Report**

<b>Victim number:</b> 584	<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> Frontal apron	<b>Protection used:</b> Frontal apron

#### **Summary of injuries:**

INJURIES: severe Back; severe Legs

COMMENT: "Heavy body injuries": No medical report was made available.

#### **Analysis**

Without more detail it is not possible to assign a Classification or a Cause to this accident.

This is the only accident in the database where a deminer wearing frontal protection suffered severe back injury and might have befitting if all-around body protection had been made available. the device was not identified but was obviously susceptible to detonation in a roadside verge fire. The use of fire to remove undergrowth prior to clearance is not uncommon, and there may be a lesson to learn about not approaching the burning area until the fire has burned out, especially when unstable devices may be present.