

# DDAS Accident Report

## Accident details

<b>Report date:</b> 27/01/2008	<b>Accident number:</b> 520
<b>Accident time:</b> Not made available	<b>Accident Date:</b> 28/12/2004
<b>Where it occurred:</b> Not made available	<b>Country:</b> Cambodia
<b>Primary cause:</b> Field control inadequacy (?)	<b>Secondary cause:</b> Management/control inadequacy (?)
<b>Class:</b> Victim inattention	<b>Date of main report:</b> Not made available
<b>ID original source:</b> none	<b>Name of source:</b> [Name removed]
<b>Organisation:</b> [Name removed]	<b>Ground condition:</b> not recorded
<b>Mine/device:</b> Mortar (120mm)	<b>Date last modified:</b> 27/01/2008
<b>Date record created:</b>	<b>No of documents:</b> 1
<b>No of victims:</b> 3	

## Map details

<b>Longitude:</b>	<b>Latitude:</b>
<b>Alt. coord. system:</b> Not made available	<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 (?)  
safety distances ignored (?)

## Accident report

Details of this accident have been withheld by the demining NGO that employed the Victim. A spreadsheet including the Victim's name and very brief details of the accident was made available in 2007. Some details can be inferred from the information released. For example, the limited injury implies that the victim's PPE was being worn in the correct manner.

This entry will be expanded if access to the report of the investigation is made available in future.

The spreadsheet data is reproduced below, edited for anonymity.

"Date and country. [Name removed] - Trauma Care Medic - Deminer – fatality.

[Name removed] - Acting Supervisor - Deminer - broken leg, superficial injuries.

[Name removed] – Deminer - Deminer - leg injuries and loss of 4 fingers.

EOD accident - 120mm mortar shell fitted with type 69 fuse was knocked and exploded”.

### Victim Report

<b>Victim number:</b> 684	<b>Name:</b> [Name removed]
<b>Age:</b>	<b>Gender:</b> Male
<b>Status:</b> medic	<b>Fit for work:</b> DECEASED
<b>Compensation:</b> Not made available	<b>Time to hospital:</b> Not made available
<b>Protection issued:</b> Not recorded	<b>Protection used:</b> Not made available

#### Summary of injuries:

FATAL

COMMENT: Listed as "Fatality". No medical report was made available.

### Victim Report

<b>Victim number:</b> 685	<b>Name:</b> [Name removed]
<b>Age:</b>	<b>Gender:</b> Male
<b>Status:</b> supervisory	<b>Fit for work:</b> not known
<b>Compensation:</b> Not made available	<b>Time to hospital:</b> Not made available
<b>Protection issued:</b> Not recorded	<b>Protection used:</b> Not made available

#### Summary of injuries:

severe Leg

COMMENT: Listed as "broken leg, superficial injuries". No medical report was made available.

### Victim Report

<b>Victim number:</b> 686	<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 made available
<b>Protection issued:</b> Not recorded	<b>Protection used:</b> Not made available

#### Summary of injuries:

severe Leg

AMPUTATION/LOSS: Fingers

COMMENT: No medical report was made available.

## **Analysis**

The primary cause of this accident is listed as a “Field control inadequacy” because there were three Victims which implies that safety distances were not being enforced. The fatality was of a medic, which raises questions over whether the person who initiated the device was appropriately trained.

The secondary cause is listed as a “Management control inadequacy” because the management of the demining group declined to make the accident details available. Although this is sometimes done to protect the Victims, in this case the Victims’ names were among the limited detail made available. It is possible that the managers have chosen to avoid transparency because they are afraid that the circumstances of the accident would reflect badly on their organisation.