

DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 27/01/2008	Accident number: 527
Accident time: Not made available	Accident Date: 13/06/2006
Where it occurred: Not made available	Country: Lebanon
Primary cause: Field control inadequacy (?)	Secondary cause: Management/control inadequacy (?)
Class: Excavation accident	Date of main report: Not made available
ID original source: None	Name of source: [Name removed]
Organisation: [Name removed]	
Mine/device: No.4 Israel AP blast / frag	Ground condition: rocks/stones
Date record created:	Date last modified: 27/01/2008
No of victims: 1	No of documents: 1

Map details

Longitude:	Latitude:
Alt. coord. system: Not made available	Coordinates fixed by:
Map east:	Map north:
Map scale:	Map series:
Map edition:	Map sheet:
Map name:	

Accident Notes

inadequate investigation (?)
visor not worn or worn raised (?)

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 Victim's head and face injury imply that he was not wearing his visor correctly.

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] - Fractured skull, head/facial injuries.

Mine explosion - No.4A a/p mine. Mine exploded during excavation. Excavating on steep terrain believed possibly a former earth slide, falling rocks etc. could have caused a disturbance of the mine leading to a severely decreased activation force.”

Victim Report

Victim number: 694	Name: [Name removed]
Age:	Gender: Male
Status: deminer	Fit for work: not known
Compensation: Not made available	Time to hospital: Not made available
Protection issued: Not recorded	Protection used: Not made available

Summary of injuries:

severe Face

severe Head

COMMENT: No Medical report was made available.

Analysis

The primary cause of this accident is listed as “field control inadequacy” because the Victim was apparently working with his visor raised (or not worn) and this error was not corrected.

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 Victim’s name was among the limited detail made available. It is possible that the managers have chosen to avoid transparency because the circumstances of the accident would reflect badly on their organisation.