

DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 05/03/2011	Accident number: 629
Accident time: 12:55	Accident Date: 08/07/2007
Where it occurred: Task 663, Rishkhor area of Charasyab district , Kabul	Country: Afghanistan
Primary cause: Inadequate equipment (?)	Secondary cause: Unavoidable (?)
Class: Excavation accident	Date of main report: Not recorded
ID original source: None	Name of source: UNMACCA
Organisation: [Name removed]	
Mine/device: Fuze	Ground condition: hard
Date record created:	Date last modified: 05/03/2011
No of victims: 1	No of documents: 1

Map details

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

Accident Notes

inadequate investigation (?)
inadequate equipment (?)
Inadequate detector pinpointing

Accident report

The only report of this accident that has been made available to date was in a UNMACCA document entitled "Summary of Demining Accidents in Afghanistan in 2007" . The conversion into a DDAS file has led to some of the original formatting being lost. Text in square brackets [] is editorial. This record will be revised as more information becomes available.

The summary is reproduced below, edited for anonymity.

Demining Accident involving [Demining group] Deminer:

Date 08 July 07

Location: Rishkhor area of Charasyab district , Kabul

Task Number: 663

Name of victim: [Name removed]

Position: Deminer

Team Number: 02

Time of Accident: 1255 hour

Device Type: UXO (fuze)

Injuries Sustained: left hand and fingers light injuries

Current Condition: Satisfactory at [Demining group] clinic.

Description of the accident:

The team was conducting sub-surface BAC clearance; according to [Demining group] report, the ground surface was hard and the deminer excavated incautiously on the detector reading and the excavation instrument hit a fuze.

Victim Report

Victim number: 811	Name: [Name removed]
Age:	Gender: Male
Status: deminer	Fit for work: presumed
Compensation: Not made available	Time to hospital: Not made available
Protection issued: Not recorded	Protection used: Not made available

Summary of injuries:

INJURIES: minor Hand

COMMENT: No Medical report was made available.

Analysis

The primary cause of this accident is listed as *Inadequate equipment* because the handtool issued to the deminer was not designed for purpose and did not protect his hand in the event of a blast. The secondary cause is listed as *Unavoidable* because it is possible that the deminer was working to his SOPs when the accident occurred.

The "Inadequate investigation" listed under notes refers to the absence of a full accident report. The UN supported MACCA has failed to make these widely available for some years in contravention of the requirements of the IMAS.