

DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 06/03/2011	Accident number: 656
Accident time: 06:30	Accident Date: 14/09/2008
Where it occurred: AF/0308/01616/MF186 , Qala-e-Khawjah Village, Bagram, District, Parwan Province	Country: Afghanistan
Primary cause: Field control inadequacy (?)	Secondary cause: Other (?)
Class: Excavation accident	Date of main report: Not recorded
ID original source: DA34	Name of source: UNMACCA
Organisation: [Name removed]	
Mine/device: AP blast (unrecorded)	Ground condition: not recorded
Date record created:	Date last modified: 06/03/2011
No of victims: 1	No of documents: 1

Map details

Longitude:	Latitude:
Alt. coord. system:	Coordinates fixed by:
Map east:	Map north:
Map scale:	Map series:
Map edition:	Map sheet:
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Accident Notes

inadequate investigation (?)

squatting/kneeling to excavate (?)

inadequate equipment (?)

Inadequate detector pinpointing

Accident report

The only report of this accident that has been made available to date was in a UNMACA EXCEL spreadsheet. Text in square brackets [] is editorial. This record will be revised if more information is made available.

The EXCEL summary is reproduced below, edited for anonymity.

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No.# Accident: DA34

Demining group: [Name removed]

Date of Accident: 14th September 2008 06:30 AM

IMSMA ID: CA-174

Accident/Incident: Demining Accident

Name: [the Victim]

Type of Casualty: Injured

Type of injury: Injuries in his right foot

Title: Deminer

Team No: Section No 10

Task No: AF/0308/01616/MF186

Activity of Victim during accident: Excavating

Type Device: AP blast

Equipment Damaged: [None]

Village, District, Province: Qala-e-Khawjah Village, Bagram, District, Parwan Province

Investigation Completed Y/N: Y

Action Taken by NGOs (Y/N): Y

BOI Conclusions:

1. Use of wrong tools by deminer
2. carelessness of deminer in terms of use of trowel by force.
3. failure of command group in order to control and stop him from wrong practice

Victim Report

Victim number: 839

Name: [Name removed]

Age:

Gender: Male

Status: deminer

Fit for work: not known

Compensation: Not made available

Time to hospital: Not recorded

Protection issued: Not recorded

Protection used: Not recorded

Summary of injuries:

INJURIES: severe Foot

COMMENT: No Medical report was made available.

Analysis

The primary cause of this accident is listed as a *Field Control Inadequacy* because the investigators identified a control failure amongst the field “command group”. The secondary cause is listed as *Other* because there is not enough information in the summary to determine what happened at the time of the accident.

It is unusual for a severe foot injury to occur during excavation. The Victim must have been standing or squatting and, despite mention of a “trowel”, he may have been using the ubiquitous “pick”. The *Inadequate equipment* listed under Notes refers to the use of inappropriate tools, as identified by the investigators. If he was using a trowel, it is likely that he did not pinpoint the detector signal correctly and so began excavating on top of the mine, as has been reported with several other accidents in this theatre at this time.

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. The failure of the UN to share the Afghan investigators’ work with others is regrettable.