

DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 15/05/2006	Accident number: 203
Accident time: not recorded	Accident Date: 05/05/1993
Where it occurred: Route 56, Kravanh District, Pursat Province	Country: Cambodia
Primary cause: Field control inadequacy (?)	Secondary cause: Field control inadequacy (?)
Class: Missed-mine accident	Date of main report: [No date recorded]
ID original source: none	Name of source: HT (field)
Organisation: Name removed	
Mine/device: Type 72 AP blast	Ground condition: not recorded
Date record created: 15/02/2004	Date last modified: 15/02/2004
No of victims: 1	No of documents: 1

Map details

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

Accident Notes

inadequate investigation (?)

no independent investigation available (?)

Accident report

No accident report was found on record at the country MAC, possibly because the accident occurred before the country MAC formally existed. The accident was mentioned on the demining group's own spreadsheet of incidents they had suffered in the country. However, the country office did not have a copy of their own internal accident report. Their spreadsheet recorded the mine type and summarised the injuries.

The classification of this accident has been made by inference from the injuries.

Victim Report

Victim number: 260	Name: Name removed
Age:	Gender: Male
Status: deminer	Fit for work: not known
Compensation: not made available	Time to hospital: not recorded
Protection issued: Safety spectacles	Protection used: not recorded

Summary of injuries:

AMPUTATION/LOSS

Leg Below knee

COMMENT

No medical report was made available.

Analysis

The primary cause of the accident is listed as a "*Field control inadequacy*" because it seems likely that the victim either stepped on a mine that had been missed during clearance or walked into an uncleared area. Adequate field controls should have prevented both.

The demining group's field office did not have any detail of this accident. Access by the researcher to the group's field operations (where long-serving staff could have been questioned) was denied because their expatriate supervisor was out of the country.

In 1999, the demining group's UK head office claimed not to keep copies of field incidents. This is known to be untrue. The UK management's unwillingness to share data openly could be taken to imply that they sought to conceal things. Its field staff have usually shared the information that is available to them.