

DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 18/05/2006	Accident number: 233
Accident time: not recorded	Accident Date: 30/04/1997
Where it occurred: Batkusa/Brcko	Country: Bosnia Herzegovina
Primary cause: Management/control inadequacy (?)	Secondary cause: Inadequate equipment (?)
Class: Excavation accident	Date of main report: [No date recorded]
ID original source: Incident no.654	Name of source: other
Organisation: Name removed	
Mine/device: PMA-3 AP blast	Ground condition: woodland
Date record created: 17/02/2004	Date last modified: 17/02/2004
No of victims: 1	No of documents: 1

Map details

Longitude:	Latitude:
Alt. coord. system: CQ 088 850	Coordinates fixed by:
Map east:	Map north:
Map scale:	Map series:
Map edition:	Map sheet:
Map name:	

Accident Notes

inadequate equipment (?)
no independent investigation available (?)
inadequate investigation (?)
protective equipment not worn (?)

Accident report

Details of this accident were discovered in a document entitled "Synopsis of EA Military demining accidents 1997". The victim was a member of FWF/3 Corps VRS engaged in "mine-lifting". In the MAC spreadsheet, two victims were recorded, both with "minor" injuries.

As part of the Peace Accord, the three active armies were required to engage in humanitarian demining. They did this without keeping the country MAC informed of their working methods or giving them access to conduct accident investigations.

The document stated that the demining group were working in a wooded area known to be mined. The SFOR monitors offered to lend the group protective equipment but they declined the offer. They did accept the offer of prodders. While prodding a deminer detonated a PMA-3.

"He sustained blast injuries to his face and chest. He eventually lost an eye."

Victim Report

Victim number: 305	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

minor Chest

minor Face

AMPUTATION/LOSS

Eye

FATAL

COMMENT

No medical report was made available.

Analysis

The primary cause of this accident is listed as a "*Management/control inadequacy*" because the deminers deployed without basic protection or prodders. Responsibility for ensuring that the deminers are adequately equipped must rest with management. The secondary cause is listed as "*Inadequate equipment*".