

DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 19/01/2008	Accident number: 488
Accident time: 10:30	Accident Date: 26/12/2005
Where it occurred: Kabul CDS, Kabul Province	Country: Afghanistan
Primary cause: Other (?)	Secondary cause: Other (?)
Class: Other	Date of main report: 16/01/2006
ID original source: MI-12/2004	Name of source: UNMACA
Organisation: [Name removed]	
Mine/device: Ordnance	Ground condition: not recorded
Date record created:	Date last modified: 19/01/2008
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 (?)

Accident report

A letter about this accident was made available in August 2007 as a PDF file. Its conversion to a text file for editing means that some of the formatting has been lost. The substance of the letter is reproduced below, edited for anonymity. The original PDF file is held on record. Because the accident involved a fatality, a full Board of Inquiry report will have been made. This record will be updated if that record is ever made available. Text in [] is editorial.

26th December 2005 HALO CDS KABUL Bol letter

To: Plans Officer UNMACA Kabul

From: EOD Associate UN MACA Kabul, Doctrine Officer META Kabul, Observer, Programme Manager UNMACA. Kabul

Subject: Board of Inquiry—[International demining NGO] Fatal Mine Incident MI-12/2004

This memo serves to convene a formal Board of Inquiry (BOI), effective 16th January 2006, to investigate the circumstances into the death of [the Victim] (Ins No. 2233), Deminer and injury of three other team members in Kabul CDS.

The convening instructions and Terms of Reference for the Board of Enquiry are attached to this memo. [International demining NGO] is invited to place an observer onto the BOI to assist in facilitating the process.

Copies of the [International demining NGO] WAD Mine Casualty Report dated 11 January 05 is attached for your information.

Best Regards

BoI Terms of reference

File: OPS/04/01/03

Date: 15 January 2005

TERMS OF REFERENCE BOARD OF INQUIRY

References: A. MACA SOP Annex D to Ops 7.2

B. IMAS 10.60 Reporting Investigations

1. The following personnel are hereby appointed as Formal Board of Inquiry (BOI) to conduct an investigation of the circumstances surrounding an incident involving [the Victim], Deminer and three other team members (Names not mentioned in the report)

- a. Plans Officer, UNMACA Kabul, Chair Person
- b. EOD Associate, UNMACA Kabul Member
- c. Doctrine Officer META Kabul Member
- d. PIT Member Observer

2. The BOI is to investigate, without limits to its inquiry, the following incident: MI 12/2004, 26th December 2005 at 10:30 hrs, Kabul CDS, Kabul Province

[International demining NGO] WAD (War Ammunition Destruction) team No. 4 [the Victim], Deminer. Three other team members (Names not mentioned in the report)

3. Your investigation and subsequent report is to cover the following:

- a. When, where and why the incident occurred.
- b. The cause, nature and extent of injuries received by people, as a result of the incident.
- c. The cause, nature and extent of damages to any program or private property.
- d. If the device was in a cleared area, you are to include the work timings for the period surrounding the incident. You are to include the time of commencement of work and working hours.
- e. The date of the last monitoring of the team involved in the incident and the results of that monitoring.

- f. The date of the last revision course for the team involved in the incident and if the member involved in the incident were present on that training
 - g. You are to attach photographs of any damaged equipment.
 - h. Whether medical treatment and evacuation was adequate, or in any way contributed to further injury or death.
 - i. Whether the death, injury or damage to equipment was contributed or caused by:
 - (1) Neglect, carelessness or misconduct by the member or other personnel involved
 - (2) The use of drugs or medication
 - (3) Non-compliance with orders, instructions or safety procedures
 - (4) Malfunctioning of explosive devices or equipment used
 - (5) Any shortfall in training of the personnel involved
 - (6) Any weakness in the method of command and control
 - (7) The prevailing weather conditions
 - j. Whether any immediate action is required to prevent a recurrence of the incident
4. Your report is to make conclusions on the following:
- a. The key factors which may have contributed to the incident, including any shortfalls in training procedures, equipment or management.
 - b. Whether there is evidence of any fault, neglect or carelessness on the part of the mine action agency and, if so, which personnel are responsible?
5. Your report is to make recommendations on:
- a. Modifications to training procedures
 - b. Modifications to equipment
 - c. Disciplinary or corrective action to be taken against mine action agency or personnel
 - d. Any other immediate or longer term action that should be taken to prevent such incidents from re-occurring in the future
6. The following documents are to be attached to your report:
- a. Copy of these Terms of Reference
 - b. Copy of Initial investigation
 - c. Statements (translated) of personnel and witnesses
 - d. Photographs of the site and a sketch map of the incident site
 - e. Photographs of the involved personnel and any damaged equipment
 - f. Any other supporting documentation
7. Your report is to be finalized and delivered to the UNMACA Chief of Operations no later than 30th January 2005.
8. It is important to note that these terms of reference are not intended to limit the scope of your investigation. You may include any relevant details you see fit.

15th January 2005, Programme Manager, UNMACA, Kabul

Victim Report

Victim number: 651	Name: [Name removed]
Age:	Gender: Male
Status: deminer	Fit for work: DECEASED
Compensation: Not made available	Time to hospital: Not made available
Protection issued: Not recorded	Protection used: Not recorded

Summary of injuries:

FATAL

COMMENT: No Medical report was made available. Three others were injured in this accident. Details will be added when made available. No Medical report was made available.

Analysis

The primary and secondary causes of this accident are listed as "Other" because there is not enough information to know what occurred and why. The record will be updated as further information becomes available.