

DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 04/03/2011	Accident number: 598
Accident time: 07:35	Accident Date: 01/04/2008
Where it occurred: Qalai Khwaja village, Bagram District, Parwan Province	Country: Afghanistan
Primary cause: Field control inadequacy (?)	Secondary cause: Field control inadequacy (?)
Class: Excavation accident	Date of main report:
ID original source: DA 05; CA-02	Name of source: UNMACCA
Organisation: [Name removed]	
Mine/device: PMN-2 AP blast	Ground condition: bushes/scrub hard
Date record created:	Date last modified: 04/03/2011
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 (?)
no independent investigation available (?)
squatting/kneeling to excavate (?)
unsafe handtool may have added to injury

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 as more information becomes available. The EXCEL summary is reproduced below, edited for anonymity.

Demining Accident involving [Demining group]

Date: 1st April 2008: Time 07:35

Location: Qalai Khwaja village, Bagram District, Parwan Province.

Task Number: [None]

Name of victim: [No name recorded], Deminer

Injury type: Minor injuries on his hand

Activity: Excavating

Mine: PMN-2 AP blast

Accident investigation completed. Action taken.

It is the conclusion of investigation team that the involved deminer was excavation a signal in an area where the ground surface was hard with dense vegetation, and considering the crater created as a result of the explosion it seems that the deminer was excavating the signal about 30 cm on right side of the working lane where he was not in a stable position for excavating the signal by scraper; the excavation of this lane required to be done in next clearance lane.

Victim Report

Victim number: 781	Name: [Name removed]
Age:	Gender: Male
Status: deminer	Fit for work: presumed
Compensation: Not made available	Time to hospital: Not made available
Protection issued:	Protection used: Not made available

Summary of injuries:

INJURIES: minor Hand

COMMENT: No Medical report was made available.

Analysis

The primary and secondary cause of this accident are listed as *Field Control Inadequacy* because the investigators concluded that the Victim was working inappropriately – reaching into the adjacent lane too far – and this error was not corrected.

The “scraper” used by this demining group is not blast resistant and may have contributed to the Victim’s injuries. This is the *inappropriate tool* referenced in the Notes.

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.