

DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 05/03/2011	Accident number: 654
Accident time: 09:45	Accident Date: 14/10/2008
Where it occurred: AF/2801/28726/MF 105, Ghulghula Village, Center District, Bamyan Province	Country: Afghanistan
Primary cause: Field control inadequacy (?)	Secondary cause: Inadequate training (?)
Class: Other	Date of main report: Not recorded
ID original source: DA36	Name of source: UNMACCA
Organisation: [Name removed]	
Mine/device: AP blast (unrecorded)	Ground condition: not recorded
Date record created:	Date last modified: 05/03/2011
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 (?)

inadequate area marking (?)

inadequate training (?)

protective equipment not worn (?)

visor not worn or worn raised (?)

Accident report

The only report of this accident that has been made available to date was in a UNMACCA 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.

No.# Accident: DA36

Demining group: [Name removed]

Date of Accident: 14th October 2008 09:45 AM

IMSMA ID: CA-188

Accident/Incident: Demining Accident

Name: [The Victim]

Type of Casualty: Fatal

Type of injury: Died

Title: Deminer

Team No: DT 23

Task No: AF/2801/28726/MF 105

Activity of Victim during accident: Operations

Type Device: Mine

Equipment Damaged: [None]

Village, District, Province: Ghulghula Village, Center District, Bamyan Province

Investigation Completed Y/N: Y

Action Taken by NGOs (Y/N): Y

BOI Conclusions:

It is the BOI conclusion that the deminer, [the Victim], was not clearly marking his lane progressively throughout the course of the day. He has moved back into his clearance lane during a break period, without wearing his PPE and helmet, to place a marking stone. He has not wanted to get too close to the unsafe area and has leant forward and thrown the marking stone forward to mark the lane. This stone has landed on a mine with the detonation causing the stones to be thrown up from the blast and inflicting the injuries that have resulted in his death. It seems that the poor supervision and carelessness of deminer himself are the contributing factors to the accident.

Victim Report

Victim number: 837

Name: [Name removed]

Age:

Gender: Male

Status: deminer

Fit for work: DECEASED

Compensation: Not made available

Time to hospital: Not recorded

Protection issued: Not recorded

Protection used: Not recorded

Summary of injuries:

FATAL

COMMENT: Deminer died. No details of injuries were recorded.

No Medical report was made available.

Analysis

The primary cause of this accident is listed as a *Field Control Inadequacy* because the investigators identified this as a fault, and because the Victim was allowed to work without marking appropriately and then return to the hazardous area without wearing PPE. The secondary cause is listed as *Inadequate training* because, presumably, the Victim did not understand the risk that he was running.

The Victim cannot have “thrown” the stone very far in front of him because the AP blast mine must have detonated very close to him in order for it to inflict fatal injuries.

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.