

DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 06/03/2011	Accident number: 674
Accident time: 08:28	Accident Date: 19/09/2008
Where it occurred: AF/0308/01616/MF156 0, Qala-e-Khoja Village, Bagram District. Parwan Province	Country: Afghanistan
Primary cause: Field control inadequacy (?)	Secondary cause: Other (?)
Class: Excavation accident	Date of main report: Not recorded
ID original source: DA33	Name of source: UNMACCA
Organisation: [Name removed]	
Mine/device: PMN-2 AP blast	Ground condition: not recorded
Date record created:	Date last modified: 06/03/2011
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 (?)
squatting/kneeling to excavate (?)
handtool may have increased injury (?)

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.

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No.# Accident: DA33

Demining group: [Name removed]

Date of Accident: 19th September 2008 08:28 AM

IMSMA ID: CA-177

Accident/Incident: Demining Accident

Name: [The Victim]

Type of Casualty: Injured

Type of injury: Two middle fingers got some light injuries open fracture

Title: Deminer

Team No: DT-13

Task No: AF/0308/01616/MF1560

Activity of Victim during accident: Excavating

Type Device: PMN-2

Equipment Damaged: [None]

Village, District, Province: Qala-e-Khoja Village, Bagram District. Parwan Province

Investigation Completed Y/N: Y

Action Taken by NGOs (Y/N): Y

BOI Conclusions:

It is the conclusion of the investigation team that the carelessness of involved deminer, poor command and control caused the accident happened.

Victim Report

Victim number: 857	Name: [Name removed]
Age:	Gender: Male
Status: deminer	Fit for work: not known
Compensation: Not made available	Time to hospital: Not made available
Protection issued: Not recorded	Protection used: Not made available

Summary of injuries:

INJURIES: severe Hand

COMMENT: No Medical report was made available.

Analysis

The primary cause of this accident is listed as a *Field Control Inadequacy* because the investigators determined that poor command and control was a cause. The secondary cause is listed as *Other* because there is too little detail in the summary to be able to assess what occurred.

The handtool can be inferred from other accidents involving deminers from this demining group in which “chisels” and small “scrapers” were used. Neither meet the IMAS recommendations for blast resistant handtools.

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.