

DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 18/05/2006	Accident number: 237
Accident time: not recorded	Accident Date: 05/09/1997
Where it occurred: SW of Brcko, (Omerbegavaca)	Country: Bosnia Herzegovina
Primary cause: Field control inadequacy (?)	Secondary cause: Field control inadequacy (?)
Class: Excavation accident	Date of main report: [No date recorded]
ID original source: Incident no.770	Name of source: other
Organisation: Name removed	
Mine/device: PMA-3 AP blast	Ground condition: not recorded
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: CQ249671	Coordinates fixed by:
Map east:	Map north:
Map scale:	Map series:
Map edition:	Map sheet:
Map name:	

Accident Notes

no independent investigation available (?)
inadequate training (?)
protective equipment not worn (?)
squatting/kneeling to excavate (?)
inadequate investigation (?)

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/2 Corps ArBiH engaged in "mine-lifting".

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 victim had been recently trained by the group he was working with. He was working in an area known to contain PMA-1 and PMA-3 mines. He was not wearing a helmet and visor and was prodding for mines. He was prodding with "a vertical stabbing motion" when he detonated a PMA-3.

After the accident he was taken to the hospital at Moaca with "minor facial injuries".

Victim Report

Victim number: 309	Name: Name removed
Age:	Gender: Male
Status: deminer	Fit for work: presumed
Compensation: not made available	Time to hospital: not recorded
Protection issued: Not recorded	Protection used: none

Summary of injuries:

INJURIES

minor Face

COMMENT

No medical report was made available.

Analysis

The primary cause of this accident is listed as a "*Field control inadequacy*" because the victim was working without basic protective equipment and his error was not corrected.

If basic protective equipment was not supplied, that would represent a serious management failure to implement international standards for Humanitarian Demining.