

DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 27/01/2008	Accident number: 518
Accident time: Not made available	Accident Date: 20/10/2003
Where it occurred: Not made available	Country: Cambodia
Primary cause: Unavoidable (?)	Secondary cause: Management/control inadequacy (?)
Class: Excavation accident	Date of main report: Not made available
ID original source: None	Name of source: MAGUK MB
Organisation: [Name removed]	Ground condition: hidden root mat
Mine/device: PMN AP blast	Date last modified: 27/01/2008
Date record created:	No of documents: 1
No of victims: 1	

Map details

Longitude:	Latitude:
Alt. coord. system:	Coordinates fixed by:
Map east:	Map north:
Map scale:	Map series:
Map edition:	Map sheet:
Map name:	

Accident Notes

inadequate investigation (?)
visor not worn or worn raised (?)
incomplete detonation (?)

Accident report

Details of this accident have been withheld by the demining NGO that employed the Victim. A spreadsheet including the Victim's name and very brief details of the accident was made available in 2007. Some details can be inferred from the information released. For example, the limited injury implies that the victim's PPE was being worn in the correct manner.

This entry will be expanded if access to the report of the investigation is made available in future.

The spreadsheet data is reproduced below, edited for anonymity.

“Date and country. [Name removed] - Deminer slight injuries to forehead and face, no permanent injuries. PMN mine detonated but didn't fully function as designed. Mine detonated whilst excavating around bamboo root in ground.”

Victim Report

Victim number: 680	Name: [Name removed]
Age:	Gender: Male
Status: deminer	Fit for work: presumed
Compensation: Not made available	Time to hospital: Not made available
Protection issued: Not recorded	Protection used: Not made available

Summary of injuries:

minor Face

minor Head

COMMENT: No Medical report was made available.

Analysis

The primary cause of this accident is listed as a “Field control inadequacy” because the injuries to the forehead imply that the visor was worn raised and this error was not corrected.

The secondary cause is listed as a “Management control inadequacy” because the management of the demining group declined to make the accident details available. Although this is sometimes done to protect the Victims, in this case the Victim's name was among the limited detail made available. It is possible that the managers have chosen to avoid transparency because they are afraid that the circumstances of the accident would reflect badly on their organisation.