

DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 27/01/2008	Accident number: 525
Accident time: Not made available	Accident Date: 08/11/2005
Where it occurred: Not made available	Country: Cambodia
Primary cause: Victim inattention (?)	Secondary cause: Management/control inadequacy (?)
Class: Victim inattention	Date of main report: Not made available
ID original source: None	Name of source: [Name removed]
Organisation: [Name removed]	
Mine/device: PMN AP blast	Ground condition: trees wet
Date record created:	Date last modified: 27/01/2008
No of victims: 1	No of documents: 1

Map details

Longitude:	Latitude:
Alt. coord. system: Not made available	Coordinates fixed by:
Map east:	Map north:
Map scale:	Map series:
Map edition:	Map sheet:
Map name:	

Accident Notes

inadequate investigation (?)

vegetation clearance problem (?)

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.

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] - Traumatic amputation of right foot - above ankle amputation.

PMN mine explosion, deminer attempting to lift branch of dead tree from cleared lane. Ground was wet and he slipped and fell into uncleared area.”

Victim Report

Victim number: 692	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:

AMPUTATION/LOSS: Leg Below knee

COMMENT: No Medical report was made available.

Analysis

The primary cause of this accident is listed as “Deminer inattention” because the Victim slipped into the cleared area. Questions arise about the suitability of his footwear.

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.