

# DDAS Accident Report

## Accident details

<b>Report date:</b> 13/06/2008	<b>Accident number:</b> 576
<b>Accident time:</b> Not recorded	<b>Accident Date:</b> 25/08/2005
<b>Where it occurred:</b> Industrial zone, Nis City	<b>Country:</b> Serbia
<b>Primary cause:</b> Other (?)	<b>Secondary cause:</b> Other (?)
<b>Class:</b> Excavation accident	<b>Date of main report:</b> None
<b>ID original source:</b> none	<b>Name of source:</b> Printed report
<b>Organisation:</b> [Name removed]	
<b>Mine/device:</b> BLU-97 submunition	<b>Ground condition:</b> not recorded
<b>Date record created:</b>	<b>Date last modified:</b> 13/06/2008
<b>No of victims:</b> 1	<b>No of documents:</b> 1

## Map details

<b>Longitude:</b>	<b>Latitude:</b>
<b>Alt. coord. system:</b> Not recorded	<b>Coordinates fixed by:</b>
<b>Map east:</b>	<b>Map north:</b>
<b>Map scale:</b>	<b>Map series:</b>
<b>Map edition:</b>	<b>Map sheet:</b>
<b>Map name:</b>	

## Accident Notes

inadequate investigation (?)

no independent investigation available (?)

## Accident report

No Formal accident report was made available. The details of the accident are drawn from a study entitled "The impact of cluster munitions in Serbia and Montenegro" by Jelena Vićentić for Norwegian People's Aid 2007. <http://www.npaid.org/filestore/YellowKillersNPA.pdf> Text in square brackets [ ] is editorial. This record will be revised if more information becomes available.

...one professional deminer working for a private demining company... was ...injured during submunition disposal ... in 2005.. [in the city] Industrial zone, Niš... Niš, the third largest city in Serbia and one of the most heavily affected by the bombings, suffered almost daily strikes in the course of the 78-day-long air campaign.

Niš airport authorities and clearance experts report that during and following the conflict they found and disposed of some 3,000 duds at Niš airport. According to information from NATO

released to Norway more than 15,000 submunitions were delivered on the airport. If these figures are accurate, this already represents a failure rate of some 20 per cent. Clearance operations, however, have so far covered only around 60 per cent of the airport area suspected to be contaminated. Thus, it is likely that the true rate will ultimately prove to be higher when clearance of the airport is completed.

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[A deminer searching for submunitions in Serbia in 2007. The detector is use is a stick detector, only capable of detecting fairly large ferrous targets.]

### Victim Report

<b>Victim number:</b> 752	<b>Name:</b> [Name removed]
<b>Age:</b> 39	<b>Gender:</b> Male
<b>Status:</b> deminer	<b>Fit for work:</b> not known
<b>Compensation:</b> Not recorded	<b>Time to hospital:</b> Not recorded
<b>Protection issued:</b> Not recorded	<b>Protection used:</b> Not recorded

**Summary of injuries:**

COMMENT: Described as "injured". No medical report was made available.

### Analysis

The primary and secondary causes of this accident are listed as "Other" because no details of the events surrounding the accident or the injuries sustained have been made available.

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