

DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 06/03/2011	Accident number: 663
Accident time: 10:15	Accident Date: 16/04/2008
Where it occurred: Bayan Bala Village, Charikar District, Parwan Province	Country: Afghanistan
Primary cause: Field control inadequacy (?)	Secondary cause: Management/control inadequacy (?)
Class: Excavation accident	Date of main report: Not recorded
ID original source: DA 08, CA-187	Name of source: UNMACCA
Organisation: [Name removed]	
Mine/device: AP blast (unrecorded)	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 (?)
visor not worn or worn raised (?)
handtool may have increased injury (?)
use of shovel (?)

Accident report

The only report of this accident that has been made available to date was in a UNMACA EXCEL spreadsheet. Text in square brackets [] is editorial. This record will be revised as more information becomes available.

The EXCEL summary is reproduced below, edited for anonymity.

Demining Accident involving [Demining group]

Date: 16th April 2008

Time: 10:15

Location: Bayan Bala Village, Charikar District, Parwan Province.

Task Number: AF/0301/01420/MF091

Team: No 15

Name of victim: [No name recorded], Deminer

Injury type: Injures on his right thigh, left arm and face

Activity: Prodding [Excavating]

Mine: [Not recorded AP blast]

Internal ID: DA 08, CA-187

Accident investigation completed. Action taken.

1. The depth of the exploded mine was more than what it was expected which was not considered by the deminer while excavating the ground to discover the mine.
2. The evidence at the site shows that the deminer was not using bayonet or scraper for excavation of the signal, instead he was using the small shovel which is contrary to the approved standard.
3. The victim deminer without properly identifying the centre of the signal was carelessly excavating the ground by using improper tool, which subsequently caused the mine to be exploded.

Victim Report

Victim number: 846	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: Frontal apron Long visor	Protection used: Frontal apron

Summary of injuries:

INJURIES: severe Arm, severe Face, severe Leg

COMMENT: No Medical report was made available.

Analysis

The primary cause of this accident is listed as a *Field Control Inadequacy* because the investigators found that the Victim was working with a shovel in breach of SOPs and his error was not corrected. The secondary cause is listed as a *Management Control Inadequacy*

because it is the management's responsibility to ensure that the field supervisors control the deminers appropriately.

Injuries to the face imply that the Victim's visor was not worn, or was not worn correctly.

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.