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Humanitarian Demining Accident and Incident Database

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DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 18/05/2006
Accident time: not recorded
Where it occurred: Batkusa/Brcko
Primary cause: Management/control inadequacy (?)
Class: Excavation accident
ID original source: Incident no.654
Organisation: Name removed
Mine/device: PMA-3 AP blast
Date record created: 17/02/2004
No of victims: 1

Accident number: 233
Accident Date: 30/04/1997
Country: Bosnia Herzegovina
Secondary cause: Inadequate equipment (?)
Date of main report: [No date recorded]
Name of source: other
Ground condition: woodland
Date last modified: 17/02/2004
No of documents: 1

Map details

Longitude: CQ 088 850
Alt. coord. system: CQ 088 850
Coordinates fixed by:
Map east:
Map scale:
Map edition:
Map name:

Latitude:
Map north:
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Accident Notes

inadequate equipment (?)
no independent investigation available (?)
inadequate investigation (?)
protective equipment not worn (?)

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/3 Corps VRS engaged in "mine-lifting". In the MAC spreadsheet, two victims were recorded, both with “minor” injuries.

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 demining group were working in a wooded area known to be mined. The SFOR monitors offered to lend the group protective equipment but they declined the offer. They did accept the offer of prodders. While prodding a deminer detonated a PMA-3.

"He sustained blast injuries to his face and chest. He eventually lost an eye."

### Victim Report

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<td>Age:</td>
<td>Gender: Male</td>
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<td>Status: deminer</td>
<td>Fit for work: not known</td>
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**Summary of injuries:**

**INJURIES**

- minor Chest
- minor Face

**AMPUTATION/LOSS**

- Eye

**FATAL**

**COMMENT**

No medical report was made available.

### Analysis

The primary cause of this accident is listed as a "Management/control inadequacy" because the deminers deployed without basic protection or prodders. Responsibility for ensuring that the deminers are adequately equipped must rest with management. The secondary cause is listed as "Inadequate equipment".