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DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 11/08/2006	Accident number: 432
Accident time: 13:05	Accident Date: 30/10/2002
Where it occurred: MF ID 1000552, na lokaciji Prebisali?-Kratine-Srbinje	Country: Bosnia Herzegovina
Primary cause: Other (?)	Secondary cause: Other (?)
Class: Other	Date of main report:
ID original source: BiH MAC	Name of source: [Name removed]
Organisation: [Name removed]	
Mine/device: PROM-1 AP Bfrag	Ground condition: grass/grazing area woodland
Date record created: 11/08/2006	Date last modified: 11/08/2006
No of victims: 1	No of documents: 1

Map details

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

Accident Notes

safety distances ignored (?)

inadequate investigation (?)

Accident report

A BiH MAC incident report was made available It will be included when funds are found for a translation.

From the accompanying photographs, some details of the accident are inferred. From the report, some information is gleaned, such as the fact that PROM-1 and PMA-3 mines were anticipated.

"...[The victim] aktivirao minu PROM-1" There appear to have been seven deminers with 15-20 metres of the explosion.

The investigation occurred on 31st October 2002 (date of photographs).



Photographs show the victim appeared to land on top of the marking tape. The area was a grassed incline alongside a wooden picket fence with woodland behind.

Photographs are confusing. A mature tree (45cm diameter approx) may have caused an obstruction in the clearance lane. Certainly a box around the tree was left, and parts of the victim were photographed on the marking for the edge of that box.



A photograph of the crater was present with the PROM circle easily seen, although the baseplate had not been recovered.

The photograph alongside appears to show the start of a lane and the deminer's red basestick, with the crater in front of the basestick. From this it is inferred that the victim initiated the mine in front of the marking.



The victim suffered severe foot damage from which an amputation is inferred.

Photographs of unidentified flesh were also taken. Given the PROM-1s ferocity, death may be presumed.

[This record will be replaced by a translation as soon as possible.]

Victim Report

Victim number: 575	Name: [Name removed]
Age:	Gender: Male
Status: deminer	Fit for work: DECEASED
Compensation: Not made available	Time to hospital: Not recorded
Protection issued: Not recorded	Protection used: Not recorded

Summary of injuries:

INJURIES

severe Leg

FATAL

COMMENT

No medical report was made available.

Analysis

The original Board of Inquiry accident report is held on file and awaits formal translation. In the meantime, details of this accident are inferred largely from photographs.

Funding for formal translations is being sought.