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DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 16/03/2007
Report date: 16/03/2007
Accident time: 09:22
Accident time: 09:22
Accident number: 435
Accident number: 435
Country: Croatia
Country: Croatia
Where it occurred: MF#1252, Cerovac
Where it occurred: MF#1252, Cerovac
Vukmanicki, Karlovac
Vukmanicki, Karlovac
Primary cause: Other (?)
Primary cause: Other (?)
Secondary cause: Other (?)
Secondary cause: Other (?)
Class: Other
Class: Other
ID original source: none
ID original source: none
Name of source: CROMAC
Name of source: CROMAC
Organisation: Not recorded
Organisation: Not recorded
Mine/device: PROM-1 AP Bfrag
Mine/device: PROM-1 AP Bfrag
Ground condition: route (verge)
Ground condition: route (verge)
Date record created: 16/03/2007
Date record created: 16/03/2007
Date last modified: 16/03/2007
Date last modified: 16/03/2007
No of victims: 3
No of victims: 3
No of documents: 1
No of documents: 1

Map details

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

Accident Notes

inadequate investigation (?)
inadequate investigation (?)
no independent investigation available (?)
no independent investigation available (?)
safety distances ignored (?)
safety distances ignored (?)

Accident report

In Croatia, demining accidents are investigated by the police and the reports are not made available to the public. In response to a request, the country MAC made available a spreadsheet record of accidents in November 2006. The spreadsheet data is so summarised that it is not possible to tell much about the circumstances surrounding the accident, but some detail may still be of use. For example, the device involved in the accident is identified, and some of the injuries recorded.

In this case the victims were working as “deminers” at a site defined as “N298 - Demining; between road D-1 & r.b. of Korana riv.  K: 0 I: 3” when they “Stepped on a mine PROM, MF#1252”. One suffered “heavy body injuries”, the other two suffered “Light body injuries”. 

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One of those who suffered what are classed as “light” injuries suffered: “hand and both legs fracture, half foot cut off, uric bladder and intestine injury” from which one can infer what “light” means in this context.

If possible, this record will be extended with further detail at a later date.

### Victim Report

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<td><strong>Fit for work:</strong> not known</td>
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<td><strong>Compensation:</strong> Not made available</td>
<td><strong>Time to hospital:</strong> Not recorded</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Protection issued:</strong> Not recorded</td>
<td><strong>Protection used:</strong> Not recorded</td>
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**Summary of injuries:**

INJURIES: severe Body

COMMENT: "Light body injuries", classed as severe because "light" is also used for the third victim. No medical report was made available.

### Victim Report

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**Summary of injuries:**

INJURIES: severe Body

COMMENT: "Severe body injuries". No medical report was made available.

### Victim Report

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**Summary of injuries:**

INJURIES: severe Abdome; severe Body; severe Hand; severe Legs

AMPUTATION/LOSS: Part foot, Toes (?)
COMMENT: No medical report was made available. "hand and both legs fracture, half foot cut off, uric bladder and intestine injury".

Analysis
Without more detail it is not possible to assign a Classification or a Cause to this accident. Because three people were injured by a single mine, it seems likely that some errors were made.