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# DDASaccident463

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# DDAS Accident Report

## Accident details

<b>Report date:</b> 09/01/2008	<b>Accident number:</b> 463
<b>Accident time:</b> Not made available	<b>Accident Date:</b> 03/09/2002
<b>Where it occurred:</b> Not made available	<b>Country:</b> Iraq
<b>Primary cause:</b> Field control inadequacy (?)	<b>Secondary cause:</b> Management/control inadequacy (?)
<b>Class:</b> Excavation accident	<b>Date of main report:</b> Not made available
<b>ID original source:</b> [Name removed]	<b>Name of source:</b> [Name removed]
<b>Organisation:</b> [Name removed]	
<b>Mine/device:</b> VS50 AP blast	<b>Ground condition:</b> not recorded
<b>Date record created:</b> 09/01/2008	<b>Date last modified:</b> 09/01/2008
<b>No of victims:</b> 1	<b>No of documents:</b> 2

## Map details

<b>Longitude:</b>	<b>Latitude:</b>
<b>Alt. coord. system:</b> Not made available	<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

visor not worn or worn raised (?)

inadequate investigation (?)

## Accident report

Details of this accident have been withheld by the demining NGO that employed the Victim. A spreadsheet including the Victim's name and very brief details of the accident was made available in 2007. Some details can be inferred from the information released. For example, the injury implies that the victim's visor was not being worn in the correct manner, and the loss of one eye and severe injury to the other implies a severe facial injury.

This entry will be expanded if access to the report of the investigation is made available in future.

The spreadsheet data is reproduced below, edited for anonymity.

"Date and country. [Name removed] – deminer: Loss of left eye, injuries to right eye.

VS50 mine exploded in minefield."

## Victim Report

<b>Victim number:</b> 615	<b>Name:</b> [Name removed]
<b>Age:</b>	<b>Gender:</b> Male
<b>Status:</b> deminer	<b>Fit for work:</b> not known
<b>Compensation:</b> Not made available	<b>Time to hospital:</b> Not made available
<b>Protection issued:</b> Not recorded	<b>Protection used:</b> Not made available

### Summary of injuries:

severe Eye

severe Face

AMPUTATION/LOSS: Eye

COMMENT: No Medical report was made available.

### Analysis

The primary cause of this accident is listed as a "Field control inadequacy" because the Victim was working with his visor raised (or not worn) and his error was not corrected.

The secondary cause is listed as a "Management control inadequacy" because the management of the demining group declined to make the accident details available. Although this is sometimes done to protect the Victims, in this case the Victim's name was among the limited detail made available. It is possible that the managers have chosen to avoid transparency because they are afraid that the circumstances of the accident would reflect badly on their organisation.