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# DDASaccident515

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# DDAS Accident Report

## Accident details

<b>Report date:</b> 27/01/2008	<b>Accident number:</b> 515
<b>Accident time:</b> Not made available	<b>Accident Date:</b> 25/07/2003
<b>Where it occurred:</b> Not made available	<b>Country:</b> Afghanistan
<b>Primary cause:</b> Field control inadequacy (?)	<b>Secondary cause:</b> Management/control inadequacy (?)
<b>Class:</b> Other	<b>Date of main report:</b> Not made available
<b>ID original source:</b> None	<b>Name of source:</b> [Name removed]
<b>Organisation:</b> [Name removed]	
<b>Mine/device:</b> None	<b>Ground condition:</b> not recorded
<b>Date record created:</b>	<b>Date last modified:</b> 27/01/2008
<b>No of victims:</b> 1	<b>No of documents:</b> 1

## Map details

<b>Longitude:</b>	<b>Latitude:</b>
<b>Alt. coord. system:</b>	<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

inadequate investigation (?)

inadequate training (?)

vegetation clearance problem (?)

## 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 must have occurred inside a mined area for it to be listed on the group's spreadsheet of demining accidents.

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] - UXO technician - Suffered second degree burns to 18% of body.

Bush was set on fire to get rid of a bees nest, victim tripped whilst trying to beat fire out and fell into bush.”

### Victim Report

<b>Victim number:</b> 674	<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:

COMMENT: Suffered second degree burns to 18% of body. No medical report was made available.

#### Analysis

The primary cause of this accident is listed as a “Field control inadequacy” because it seems that the Victim was burning off an area that needed to be cleared and did not maintain an appropriate safety distance when the fire might have initiated a mine/device. 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.

The inadequate training” listed under “Notes” refers to the fact that the Victim had apparently not been trained how to set, control, and withdraw to a safe distance from, a fierce fire.