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DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 27/01/2008
Accident number: 519
Accident time: Not made available
Accident Date: 13/11/2003
Where it occurred: Not made available
Country: Iraq
Primary cause: Field control inadequacy (?)
Secondary cause: Management/control inadequacy (?)
Class: Other
ID original source: None
Name of source: [Name removed]
Organisation: [Name removed]
Mine/device: Valmara 69 AP Bfrag
Ground condition: not recorded
Date record created: 27/01/2008
Date last modified: 27/01/2008
No of victims: 3
No of documents: 1

Map details

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

Accident Notes

inadequate investigation (?)
safety distances ignored (?)

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 fact that there were three Victims implies that safety distances were not being enforced.

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. [Victim No.1: name removed] - Deminer, other staff involved –[Victim No.2: name removed] - Deminer, and their driver.
Mine Exploded - traumatic amputation of both legs following V69 detonation, two other staff injured only superficial injuries.

Victim Report

Victim number: 681

Name: [Name removed]
Age: 
Gender: Male
Status: deminer
Fit for work: no
Compensation: Not made available
Time to hospital: Not made available
Protection issued: Not recorded
Protection used: Not made available

Summary of injuries:
AMPUTATION/LOSS: Legs
COMMENT: "Traumatic amputation of both legs." No medical report was made available.

Victim Report

Victim number: 682

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

Summary of injuries:
COMMENT: "Superficial injuries". No Medical report was made available.

Victim Report

Victim number: 683

Name: [Name removed]
Age: 
Gender: Male
Status: driver
Fit for work: presumed
Compensation: Not made available
Time to hospital: Not made available
Protection issued: Not recorded
Protection used: Not made available

Summary of injuries:
COMMENT: "Superficial injuries". No Medical report was made available.
**Analysis**

The accident classification is listed as “Other” because there is not enough information to determine the activity at the time of the accident.

The primary cause of this accident is listed as a “Field control inadequacy” because there were three Victims which implies that the appropriate safety distances were not being enforced by field controllers.

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 Victims’ names were 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.