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## DDASaccident519

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# DDAS Accident Report

## Accident details

<b>Report date:</b> 27/01/2008	<b>Accident number:</b> 519
<b>Accident time:</b> Not made available	<b>Accident Date:</b> 13/11/2003
<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> 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> Valmara 69 AP Bfrag	<b>Ground condition:</b> not recorded
<b>Date record created:</b>	<b>Date last modified:</b> 27/01/2008
<b>No of victims:</b> 3	<b>No of documents:</b> 1

## 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

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.