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Humanitarian Demining Accident and Incident Database

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DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

- **Report date:** 27/01/2008
- **Accident number:** 525
- **Accident time:** Not made available
- **Where it occurred:** Not made available
- **Primary cause:** Victim inattention (?)
- **Secondary cause:** Management/control inadequacy (?)
- **Class:** Victim inattention
- **ID original source:** None
- **Organisation:** [Name removed]
- **Mine/device:** PMN AP blast
- **Country:** Cambodia
- **Ground condition:** trees, wet
- **Date record created:** Not made available
- **Date last modified:** 27/01/2008
- **No of victims:** 1
- **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 name:**

Accident Notes

- inadequate investigation (?)
- 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.

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] - Traumatic amputation of right foot - above ankle amputation.
PMN mine explosion, deminer attempting to lift branch of dead tree from cleared lane. Ground was wet and he slipped and fell into uncleared area.”

Victim Report

Victim number: 692
Name: [Name removed]
Age: 
Gender: Male
Status: deminer
Fit for work: not known
Compensation: Not made available
Time to hospital: Not made available
Protection issued: Not recorded
Protection used: Not made available

Summary of injuries:
AMPUTATION/LOSS: Leg Below knee
COMMENT: No Medical report was made available.

Analysis
The primary cause of this accident is listed as “Deminer inattention” because the Victim slipped into the cleared area. Questions arise about the suitability of his footwear.

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.