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# DDAS Accident Report

## Accident details

<b>Report date:</b> 04/02/2008	<b>Accident number:</b> 552
<b>Accident time:</b> Not made available	<b>Accident Date:</b> 26/05/2007
<b>Where it occurred:</b> Cheshma-E-Jungan Village, Dahna-E-Ghori District, Baghlan Province	<b>Country:</b> Afghanistan
<b>Primary cause:</b> Unavoidable (?)	<b>Secondary cause:</b> Field control inadequacy (?)
<b>Class:</b> Excavation accident	<b>Date of main report:</b> Not made available
<b>ID original source:</b> None	<b>Name of source:</b> UNMACA
<b>Organisation:</b> [Name removed]	
<b>Mine/device:</b> AP blast (unrecorded)	<b>Ground condition:</b> Not recorded
<b>Date record created:</b>	<b>Date last modified:</b> 04/02/2008
<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> 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 (?)

standing to excavate (?)

## Accident report

A letter about this accident was made available in August 2007 as a PDF file. Its conversion to a text file for editing means that some of the formatting has been lost. The substance of the letter is reproduced below, edited for anonymity. The original PDF file is held on record. Text in [ ] is editorial. This report will be extended when the full enquiry becomes available.

## LESSONS LEARNED SUMMARY

DEMIMING ACCIDENT ON DEMINER OF [Specialist National MDD agency]/G # 8

AT CHESHMA-E-JUNGAN VILLAGE, DAHNA-E-GHORI DISTRICT OF BAGHLAN PROVINCE  
ON 26 May 2007

**INTRODUCTION:**

On 26th May 2007, a demining accident occurred to Mr. [The victim] deminer of [Specialist National MDD agency] G # 8 at MF # AF/1303/13026/002, located at Cheshma Jungan village, Dahana-e-Ghori district of Baghlan province.

**SUMMARY:**

According to the AMAC Northeast's investigation report, the accident occurred while the deminer was excavating on a reading in a cross lane (cut lane). As a result of this accident, the deminer received some light injuries on both hands. According to the Assistant Team Leader, the mine position had changed and the deminer's bayonet touched the top of the mine and detonated.

After administering the necessary first aid on the spot by team's medic, the casualty was evacuated to Pul-e-Khumri hospital for further treatment.

**CONCLUSIONS:**

The investigation team concluded that the accident occurred because of the following reasons:

The area had a little bit slope (steep) and the deminer had downhill. The command group failed to control the deminer not to apply incorrect procedure.

The deminer himself has used the bayonet incorrectly and practiced carelessly.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The following points are to be considered:

The [Specialist National MDD agency] Site Supervisor and OPS Officer are recommended to visit their operational teams more frequently in order to identify and prevent operational failures on time.

To avoid recurrence of similar accident(s) in future, the command group is instructed to deploy their deminers to work downside up.

Signed: Chief of Operations, UNMACA Kabul

## Victim Report

<b>Victim number:</b> 726	<b>Name:</b> [Name removed]
<b>Age:</b>	<b>Gender:</b> Male
<b>Status:</b> deminer	<b>Fit for work:</b> presumed
<b>Compensation:</b> Not made available	<b>Time to hospital:</b> Not made available
<b>Protection issued:</b> Frontal apron Long visor	<b>Protection used:</b> Frontal apron, Long visor

### Summary of injuries:

minor Hands

COMMENT: No Medical report was made available.

### Analysis

The Primary cause of this accident is listed as “Unavoidable” because there is not enough information to judge whether the Victim was working within the parameters of his SOPs and training. His limited injury implies that he was wearing his PPE correctly.

The secondary cause is listed as a “Field control inadequacy” because it seems that his field supervisors had instructed him to work downhill, which is generally considered more dangerous than working uphill.

Given the tools used in other accidents involving this demining group, it is likely that his hand injuries occurred because he was not using a blast resistant, designed-for-purpose hand-tool (as recommended in the IMAS). The failure to provide such tools may be a significant management failing.

This accident is listed as having an “Inadequate investigation” under “Notes” because the report of the investigation has not yet been made available. This report will be extended and “Notes” adjusted if the full enquiry becomes available.