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Humanitarian Demining Accident and Incident Database

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Accident details

- Report date: 05/03/2011
- Accident number: 614
- Accident time: 08:06
- Accident Date: 05/04/2008
- Where it occurred: Khwaja Khalil village, Taluqan District, Takhar Province
- Country: Afghanistan
- Primary cause: Field control inadequacy (?)
- Secondary cause: Field control inadequacy (?)
- Class: Excavation accident
- Date of main report: Not recorded
- ID original source: DA06
- Name of source: UNMACCA
- Organisation: [Name removed]
- Mine/device: Type 72 AP blast
- Ground condition: not recorded
- Date record created: 05/03/2011
- Date last modified: 05/03/2011
- No of victims: 1
- No of documents: 1

Map details

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

Accident Notes

inadequate investigation (?)
Inadequate detector pinpointing

Accident report

The only report of this accident that has been made available to date was in a UNMACA EXCEL spreadsheet. Text in square brackets [ ] is editorial. This record will be revised as more information becomes available.

The EXCEL summary is reproduced below, edited for anonymity.

Demining Accident involving [Demining group]
Date: 5th April 2008
Time 08:06
Location: Khwaja Khalil village, Taloqan District, Takhar Province.
Task Number: [None]
Team: MCT-42
Name of victim: [No name recorded], Deminer
Injury type: Minor injuries on his hand
Activity: Prodding [Excavating]
Mine: Type 72 AP blast
Accident investigation completed. Action taken.

It is the conclusion of the investigation team that the involved deminer did not properly mark the signal with the reading marker. Also he was carelessly excavating the reading point, and this caused the mine to be exploded.

**Victim Report**

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<th>Victim number: 797</th>
<th>Name: [Name removed]</th>
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<tr>
<td>Age:</td>
<td>Gender: Male</td>
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<td>Status: deminer</td>
<td>Fit for work: presumed</td>
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<td>Compensation: Not made available</td>
<td>Time to hospital: Not made available</td>
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<td>Protection issued: Not recorded</td>
<td>Protection used: Not made available</td>
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**Summary of injuries:**
INJURIES: minor Hand
COMMENT: No Medical report was made available.

**Analysis**
The primary and secondary cause of this accident are listed as *Field Control Inadequacy* because the investigators concluded that the Victim was working carelessly and his errors were not corrected.

The “Inadequate investigation” listed under notes refers to the absence of a full accident report. The UN supported MACCA has failed to make these widely available for some years in contravention of the requirements of the IMAS.