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# DDASaccident615

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# DDAS Accident Report

## Accident details

<b>Report date:</b> 05/03/2011	<b>Accident number:</b> 615
<b>Accident time:</b> 07:30	<b>Accident Date:</b> 05/08/2008
<b>Where it occurred:</b> AF/1614/14547/MF001 1, Saighanchi village, Khulum district, Balkh Province	<b>Country:</b> Afghanistan
<b>Primary cause:</b> Field control inadequacy (?)	<b>Secondary cause:</b> Management/control inadequacy (?)
<b>Class:</b> Excavation accident	<b>Date of main report:</b> Not recorded
<b>ID original source:</b> DA25	<b>Name of source:</b> UNMACCA
<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> 05/03/2011
<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 recorded	<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 (?)  
squatting/kneeling to excavate (?)  
visor not worn or worn raised (?)  
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 if more information is made available.

The EXCEL summary is reproduced below, edited for anonymity.

S. # 25, No.# Accident: DA25

Demining group: [Demining group]

Date of Accident: 5<sup>th</sup> August 2008 07:30

IMSMA ID: 16

Accident/Incident: Demining accident

Name: [The Victim]

Type of Casualty: Injured

Type of injury: some injuries on his face and has lost his eye as well

Title: Deminer

Team No: DT-02

Task No: AF/1614/14547/MF0011

Activity of Victim during accident: Excavating

Type Device: AP blast mine

Equipment Damaged: [None]

Village, District, Province: Saighanchi village, Khulum district, Balkh Province

Investigation Completed Y/N: Y

Action Taken by NGOs (Y/N): Y

BOI Conclusions:

1. It is the conclusion of the investigation team that the carelessness of involved deminer, poor supervision and denying of mechanical asset by government authority are the main factors for the accident happened. The rule of supervision is vital in such a difficult task and can prevent the accidents.

## Victim Report

**Victim number:** 798

**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:

INJURIES: severe Face

AMPUTATION/LOSS: Eye

COMMENT: No Medical report was made available.

## **Analysis**

The primary cause of this accident is listed as a *Field Control Inadequacy* because the Victim was working with his visor raised and his error was not corrected. The secondary cause is listed as a *Management Control Inadequacy* because the demining group's management is responsible for ensuring that field supervisors prevent deminers from breaching approved SOPs.

It is possible that the Victim failed to pinpoint the metal-detector reading adequately (as has been reported in other accidents around this time) and so started to excavate on top of the mine.

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. The failure of the UN to share the Afghan investigators' work with others is regrettable.