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# DDAS Accident Report

## Accident details

<b>Report date:</b> 05/03/2011	<b>Accident number:</b> 616
<b>Accident time:</b> 08:20	<b>Accident Date:</b> 05/08/2008
<b>Where it occurred:</b> Dashti chanar village, Rustaq District, Takhar Province	<b>Country:</b> Afghanistan
<b>Primary cause:</b> Field control inadequacy (?)	<b>Secondary cause:</b> Other (?)
<b>Class:</b> Excavation accident	<b>Date of main report:</b> Not recorded
<b>ID original source:</b> DA26	<b>Name of source:</b> UNMACCA
<b>Organisation:</b> [Name removed]	
<b>Mine/device:</b> PMN-2 AP blast	<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 (?)

Inadequate detector pinpointing

## Accident report

The only report of this accident that has been made available to date was in a UNMACCA 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. # 26, No.# Accident: DA26

Demining group: [Demining group]

Date of Accident: 5<sup>th</sup> August 2008 08:20

IMSMA ID: [None]

Accident/Incident: Demining Accident

Name: [The Victim]

Type of Casualty: Injured

Type of injury: Small injuries in his both hand

Title: Deminer

Team No: MDG 16

Task No: [None]

Activity of Victim during accident: Prodding

Type Device: PMN2

Equipment Damaged: [None]

Village, District, Province: Dashti chanar village, Rustaq District, Takhar Province

Investigation Completed Y/N: Y

Action Taken by NGOs (Y/N): Y

BOI Conclusions:

It is the conclusion of the investigation team that the carelessness of involved deminer, use of wrong tool for excavation and poor supervision caused the accident happened.

## Victim Report

**Victim number:** 799

**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:

INJURIES: minor Hands

COMMENT: No Medical report was made available.

## **Analysis**

The primary cause of this accident is listed as a *Field Control inadequacy* because the investigators found that there was poor supervision at the time of the accident. The secondary cause is listed as *Other* because there is not enough detail in the summary to determine what the deminer was doing, and what tool he was using.

To initiate the mine, the Victim was digging on top of the metal detector reading. This has occurred because of inadequate detector pinpointing in other accidents with this group at this time.

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.