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DDASaccident629

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## DDAS Accident Report

### Accident details

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<th>Report date: 05/03/2011</th>
<th>Accident number: 629</th>
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<td>Accident time: 12:55</td>
<td>Accident Date: 08/07/2007</td>
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<td>Where it occurred: Task 663, Rishkhor area of Charasyab district, Kabul</td>
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<td>Country: Afghanistan</td>
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<td>Primary cause: Inadequate equipment (?)</td>
<td>Secondary cause: Unavoidable (?)</td>
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<td>Class: Excavation accident</td>
<td>Date of main report: Not recorded</td>
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<td>ID original source: None</td>
<td>Name of source: UNMACCA</td>
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<td>Organisation: [Name removed]</td>
<td>Ground condition: hard</td>
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<td>Mine/device: Fuze</td>
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<td>No of documents: 1</td>
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### Accident Notes

- inadequate investigation (?)
- inadequate equipment (?)
- Inadequate detector pinpointing

### Accident report

The only report of this accident that has been made available to date was in a UNMACA document entitled “Summary of Demining Accidents in Afghanistan in 2007”. The conversion into a DDAS file has led to some of the original formatting being lost. Text in square brackets [ ] is editorial. This record will be revised as more information becomes available.

The summary is reproduced below, edited for anonymity.
Demining Accident involving [Demining group] Deminer:

Date 08 July 07
Location: Rishkhor area of Charasyab district, Kabul
Task Number: 663
Name of victim: [Name removed]
Position: Deminer
Team Number: 02
Time of Accident: 1255 hour
Device Type: UXO (fuze)
Injuries Sustained: left hand and fingers light injuries
Current Condition: Satisfactory at [Demining group] clinic.

Description of the accident:
The team was conducting sub-surface BAC clearance; according to [Demining group] report, the ground surface was hard and the deminer excavated incautiously on the detector reading and the excavation instrument hit a fuze.

Victim Report

Victim number: 811
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 Hand
COMMENT: No Medical report was made available.

Analysis
The primary cause of this accident is listed as Inadequate equipment because the handtool issued to the deminer was not designed for purpose and did not protect his hand in the event of a blast. The secondary cause is listed as Unavoidable because it is possible that the deminer was working to his SOPs when the accident occurred.
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.