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# DDAS Accident Report

## Accident details

<b>Report date:</b> 05/03/2011	<b>Accident number:</b> 629
<b>Accident time:</b> 12:55	<b>Accident Date:</b> 08/07/2007
<b>Where it occurred:</b> Task 663, Rishkhor area of Charasyab district , Kabul	<b>Country:</b> Afghanistan
<b>Primary cause:</b> Inadequate equipment (?)	<b>Secondary cause:</b> Unavoidable (?)
<b>Class:</b> Excavation accident	<b>Date of main report:</b> Not recorded
<b>ID original source:</b> None	<b>Name of source:</b> UNMACCA
<b>Organisation:</b> [Name removed]	
<b>Mine/device:</b> Fuze	<b>Ground condition:</b> hard
<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 (?)  
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

<b>Victim number:</b> 811	<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> Not recorded	<b>Protection used:</b> 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.