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# DDAS Accident Report

## Accident details

<b>Report date:</b> 05/03/2011	<b>Accident number:</b> 643
<b>Accident time:</b> 11:10	<b>Accident Date:</b> 11/07/2007
<b>Where it occurred:</b> Task: 010, Dasht-e-Chenar village, Rustaq district, Takhar 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> None	<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 (?)  
visor not worn or worn raised (?)  
squatting/kneeling to excavate (?)

## Accident report

The only report of this accident that has been made available to date was in a UNMACCA 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: 11 July 07

Location: Dasht-e-Chenar village, Rustaq district of Takhar province

Task Number: 010

Name of victim:

Position: Deminer

Team Number: DT # 1

Time of Accident: 11:10 hour

Device Type: AP PMN-2 mine

Injuries Sustained: Minor Injuries to his chest, face, left eye and serious injuries to his eye.

Current condition: Satisfactory; the injured deminer has been evacuated to Kunduz PRT hospital on 11 July 2007 at 20:00 hrs and after administering some treatment and stabilizing, he has been taken to Kunduz public hospital. In Kunduz hospital, the physicians have said that his right eye also can be treated either in Kunduz or in Kabul. According to [Demining group] Medical Section's decision, on 12 July 2007 at 11:00 Hrs the injured deminer has been evacuated toward Kabul for further treatment.

**Description of the accident:**

According to initial demining accident report, the accident occurred during excavation on a signal.

**Victim Report**

<b>Victim number:</b> 826	<b>Name:</b> [Name removed]
<b>Age:</b>	<b>Gender:</b> Male
<b>Status:</b> deminer	<b>Fit for work:</b> not known
<b>Compensation:</b> Not made available	<b>Time to hospital:</b> Not made available
<b>Protection issued:</b> Frontal apron Long visor	<b>Protection used:</b> Not recorded

**Summary of injuries:**

INJURIES: minor Chest, severe Eye, severe Face

COMMENT: No Medical report was made available.

## **Analysis**

The primary cause of this accident is listed as a *Field Control Inadequacy* because the Victim's chest and face injuries imply that he was not wearing PPE (or not wearing it correctly) at the time of the accident. The secondary cause is listed as a *Management Control inadequacy* because the demining group's senior management are responsible for ensuring that their field supervisors impose good discipline and never allow deminers to work without PPE.

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.