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# DDAS Accident Report

## Accident details

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| <b>Report date:</b> 06/03/2011  | <b>Accident number:</b> 656              |
| <b>Accident time:</b> 06:30   | <b>Accident Date:</b> 14/09/2008         |
| <b>Where it occurred:</b> AF/0308/01616/MF186<br>, Qala-e-Khawjah<br>Village, Bagram,<br>District, Parwan<br>Province | <b>Country:</b> Afghanistan              |
| <b>Primary cause:</b> Field control<br>inadequacy (?)   | <b>Secondary cause:</b> Other (?)        |
| <b>Class:</b> Excavation accident   | <b>Date of main report:</b> Not recorded |
| <b>ID original source:</b> DA34   | <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> 06/03/2011    |
| <b>No of victims:</b> 1   | <b>No of documents:</b> 1                |

## Map details

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| <b>Longitude:</b>          | <b>Latitude:</b>             |
| <b>Alt. coord. system:</b> | <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 equipment (?)

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.

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No.# Accident: DA34

Demining group: [Name removed]

Date of Accident: 14<sup>th</sup> September 2008 06:30 AM

IMSMA ID: CA-174

Accident/Incident: Demining Accident

Name: [the Victim]

Type of Casualty: Injured

Type of injury: Injuries in his right foot

Title: Deminer

Team No: Section No 10

Task No: AF/0308/01616/MF186

Activity of Victim during accident: Excavating

Type Device: AP blast

Equipment Damaged: [None]

Village, District, Province: Qala-e-Khawjah Village, Bagram, District, Parwan Province

Investigation Completed Y/N: Y

Action Taken by NGOs (Y/N): Y

BOI Conclusions:

1. Use of wrong tools by deminer
2. carelessness of deminer in terms of use of trowel by force.
3. failure of command group in order to control and stop him from wrong practice

### **Victim Report**

**Victim number:** 839

**Name:** [Name removed]

**Age:**

**Gender:** Male

**Status:** deminer

**Fit for work:** not known

**Compensation:** Not made available

**Time to hospital:** Not recorded

**Protection issued:** Not recorded

**Protection used:** Not recorded

#### **Summary of injuries:**

INJURIES: severe Foot

COMMENT: No Medical report was made available.

## Analysis

The primary cause of this accident is listed as a *Field Control Inadequacy* because the investigators identified a control failure amongst the field “command group”. The secondary cause is listed as *Other* because there is not enough information in the summary to determine what happened at the time of the accident.

It is unusual for a severe foot injury to occur during excavation. The Victim must have been standing or squatting and, despite mention of a “trowel”, he may have been using the ubiquitous “pick”. The *Inadequate equipment* listed under Notes refers to the use of inappropriate tools, as identified by the investigators. If he was using a trowel, it is likely that he did not pinpoint the detector signal correctly and so began excavating on top of the mine, as has been reported with several other accidents in this theatre 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.