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# DDASaccident673

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# DDAS Accident Report

## Accident details

<b>Report date:</b> 06/03/2011	<b>Accident number:</b> 673
<b>Accident time:</b> 08:10	<b>Accident Date:</b> 19/10/2008
<b>Where it occurred:</b> AF-1207/12938/MF-0027, Dasht-i-Robat village, Kalafgan 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> DA37	<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

<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  
handtool may have increased injury (?)

## 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: DA37

Demining group: [Name removed]

Date of Accident: 19<sup>th</sup> October 2008 08:10 AM

IMSMA ID: [None]

Accident/Incident: Demining accident

Name: [the Victim]

Type of Casualty: Injured

Type of injury: Multiple injuries in his hands

Title: Deminer

Team No: MDG-25

Task No: AF-1207/12938/MF-0027

Activity of Victim during accident: Prodding

Type Device: AP blast mines

Equipment Damaged: [None]

Village, District, Province: Dasht-i-Robat village, Kalafgan District, Takhar Province

Investigation Completed Y/N: Y

Action Taken by NGOs (Y/N): Y

BOI Conclusions:

Poor supervision, carelessness of deminer and use of wrong tools caused the accident, happened.

### Victim Report

**Victim number:** 856

**Name:** [Name removed]

**Age:**

**Gender:** Male

**Status:** deminer

**Fit for work:** not known

**Compensation:** Not made available

**Time to hospital:** Not made available

**Protection issued:** Not recorded

**Protection used:** Not made available

#### Summary of injuries:

INJURIES: severe Hands

COMMENT: No Medical report was made available.

## **Analysis**

The primary cause of this accident is listed as a *Field Control Inadequacy* because the Victim was working with the wrong tools without correction and the investigators identified “poor supervision” as a cause. The secondary cause is listed as *Other* because there is too little information on the summary to determine what happened with any confidence.

Referring to other accidents with this demining group at this period, the Victim may have been using a “pick”. Whatever tool the Victim was using, it is likely that he did not pinpoint the detector signal correctly and so began excavating on top of the mine.

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.