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# DDASaccident685

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# DDAS Accident Report

## Accident details

<b>Report date:</b> 06/03/2011	<b>Accident number:</b> 685
<b>Accident time:</b> 08:00	<b>Accident Date:</b> 23/07/2008
<b>Where it occurred:</b> Bayan Khil Village, Jaji District, Paktya 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> DA23	<b>Name of source:</b> UNMACCA
<b>Organisation:</b> [Name removed]	
<b>Mine/device:</b> PMN AP blast	<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 (?)  
use of pick (?)  
visor not worn or worn raised (?)  
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: DA23

Demining group: [Demining group]

Date of Accident: 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2008 08:00

IMSMA ID: [None]

Accident/Incident: Demining accident

Name: [the Victim]

Type of Casualty: Injured

Type of injury: Got on injury under his left eye and some face injury

Title: Deminer

Team No: DT-4

Task No: [None]

Activity of Victim during accident: Prodding

Type Device: PMN

Equipment Damaged:

Village, District, Province: Bayan Khil Village, Jaji District, Paktya Province

Investigation Completed Y/N: Y

Action Taken by NGOs (Y/N): Y

BOI Conclusions:

1. Poor supervision by the command group is considered the main contributing factor for this accident as the deminer was working with pick with visor up but nobody has controlled him.
2. Carelessness of the deminer is also another contributing factor to this accident as in such a heavy contaminated minefield, he was using pick and has failed to use the visor properly.

## Victim Report

**Victim number:** 870

**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 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 was working with his visor raised and using a pick and his error was not corrected. The secondary cause is listed as a *Management Control Inadequacy* because the demining group's management is responsible for ensuring that field supervisors prevent deminers from breaching approved SOPs.

It is possible that the Victim failed to pinpoint the metal-detector reading adequately (as has been reported in other accidents around this time) and so started to excavate 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.