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# DDAS Accident Report

## Accident details

<b>Report date:</b> 06/03/2011	<b>Accident number:</b> 687
<b>Accident time:</b> 11:00	<b>Accident Date:</b> 23/10/2008
<b>Where it occurred:</b> CDS, Dashti Abdan Village, Kunduz centre District, Kunduz Province	<b>Country:</b> Afghanistan
<b>Primary cause:</b> Inadequate training (?)	<b>Secondary cause:</b> Field control inadequacy (?)
<b>Class:</b> Demolition accident	<b>Date of main report:</b> Not recorded
<b>ID original source:</b> DA38	<b>Name of source:</b> UNMACCA
<b>Organisation:</b> [Name removed]	
<b>Mine/device:</b> Ordnance, UXO	<b>Ground condition:</b>
<b>Date record created:</b>	<b>Date last modified:</b> 06/03/2011
<b>No of victims:</b> 2	<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 training (?)

safety distances ignored (?)

## Accident report

The only report of this accident that has been made available to date was in a UNMACCA 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: DA38

Demining group: [Name removed]

Date of Accident: 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2008 11:00 AM

IMSMA ID: [None]

Accident/Incident: Demining accident

Victim No.1 Name: [Victim No.1]

Type of Casualty: Injured

Type of injury: Injuries in his right leg and right hand

Title: Deputy Team Leader

Victim No.2 Name: [Victim no.2]

Type of Casualty: Injured

Type of injury: Some minor injuries

Title: Operator

Team No: EOD-7

Task No: CDS

Activity of Victim during accident: Post surface check and pit check

Type Device: UXO

Equipment Damaged: [None]

Village, District, Province: Dashti Abdan Village, Kunduz centre District, Kunduz Province

Investigation Completed Y/N: Y

Action Taken by NGOs (Y/N): Y

BOI Conclusions:

The accident occurred because of the ignorance of standard operating procedures and appropriated method of demolitions and destruction of ammunitions.

## Victim Report

<b>Victim number:</b> 872	<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> Not recorded	<b>Protection used:</b> Not made available

**Summary of injuries:**

INJURIES: severe Hand, severe Leg

COMMENT: No Medical report was made available.

**Victim Report**

<b>Victim number:</b> 873	<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:**

COMMENT: "Some minor injuries." No Medical report was made available.

**Analysis**

The primary cause of this accident is listed as *Inadequate training* because the investigators state that the Victims were "ignorant" of SOPs. The secondary cause is listed as a *Field Control Inadequacy* because the activity at the time was "Post surface check and pit check" in a demolition site and the field supervisors should have ensured an appropriate wait-time and that the check was conducted by a single operative (not two who were ignoring safety distances).

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.