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Humanitarian Demining Accident and Incident Database

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**DDAS Accident Report**

**Accident details**

- **Report date:** 06/03/2011
- **Accident number:** 687
- **Accident time:** 11:00
- **Accident Date:** 23/10/2008
- **Where it occurred:** CDS, Dashti Abdan Village, Kunduz centre District, Kunduz Province
- **Country:** Afghanistan
- **Primary cause:** Inadequate training (?)
- **Secondary cause:** Field control inadequacy (?)
- **Class:** Demolition accident
- **ID original source:** DA38
- **Organisation:** [Name removed]
- **Mine/device:** Ordnance, UXO
- **Date record created:**
- **Date last modified:** 06/03/2011
- **No of victims:** 2
- **No of documents:** 1

**Map details**

- **Longitude:**
- **Latitude:**
- **Alt. coord. system:** Not recorded
- **Coordinates fixed by:**
- **Map east:**
- **Map scale:**
- **Map edition:**
- **Map name:**

**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 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.
S. # 38
No. # Accident: DA38
Demining group: [Name removed]
Date of Accident: 23rd 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

Victim number: 872  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 Hand, severe Leg
COMMENT: No Medical report was made available.

Victim Report

Victim number: 873
Name: [Name removed]
Age: 
Gender: Male
Status: deminer
Fit for work: presumed
Compensation: Not made available
Time to hospital: Not made available
Protection issued: Not recorded
Protection used: 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.