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# DDAS Accident Report

## Accident details

<b>Report date:</b> 06/03/2011	<b>Accident number:</b> 688
<b>Accident time:</b> Not recorded	<b>Accident Date:</b> 24/08/2008
<b>Where it occurred:</b> AF/0308/00000/MF333 8, Jan Qadam Village, Bagram District, Parwan 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> DA27	<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 (?)

handtool may have increased injury (?)

## 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: DA27

Demining group: [Demining group]

Date of Accident: 24<sup>th</sup> August 2008

IMSMA ID: CA-175

Accident/Incident: Demining accident

Name: [The Victim]

Type of Casualty: Injured

Type of injury: Some injuries on his finger and arm of his right hand

Title: Deminer

Team No: M19

Task No: AF/0308/00000/MF3338

Activity of Victim during accident: Excavating

Type Device: PMN

Equipment Damaged: [None]

Village, District, Province: Jan Qadam Village, Bagram District, Parwan Province

Investigation Completed Y/N: Y

Action Taken by NGOs (Y/N): Y

BOI Conclusions:

It is the conclusion of the investigation team that the carelessness of involved deminer, poor command and control and deviation from SOPs caused the accident happened.

### Victim Report

**Victim number:** 874

**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:** Frontal apron

**Protection used:** Not made available

Long visor

#### Summary of injuries:

INJURIES:severe Arm, severe Hand

COMMENT: No Medical report was made available.

## **Analysis**

The primary cause of this accident is listed as a *Field Control inadequacy* because the investigators found that there was poor supervision at the time of the accident. The secondary cause is listed as *Other* because there is not enough detail in the summary to determine what the deminer was doing, and what tool he was using.

The handtool can be inferred from other accidents involving deminers from this demining group in which “chisels” and small “scrapers” were used. Neither meet the IMAS recommendations for blast resistant handtools.

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.