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# DDASaccident692

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# DDAS Accident Report

## Accident details

<b>Report date:</b> 07/03/2011	<b>Accident number:</b> 692
<b>Accident time:</b> 09:30	<b>Accident Date:</b> 25/10/2008
<b>Where it occurred:</b> AF/0108/005560/MF01 05, Qalia Badil Village, Paghman District, Kabul Province	<b>Country:</b> Afghanistan
<b>Primary cause:</b> Victim inattention (?)	<b>Secondary cause:</b> Inadequate equipment (?)
<b>Class:</b> Excavation accident	<b>Date of main report:</b> Not recorded
<b>ID original source:</b> DA40	<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> 07/03/2011
<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 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. # 40, No.# Accident: DA40

Demining group: [Name removed]

Date of Accident: 25<sup>th</sup> October 2008 09:30 AM

IMSMA ID: CA-179

Accident/Incident: Demining Accident

Name: [The Victim]

Type of Casualty: Injured

Type of injury: injuries on his left hand fingers and elbow joint

Title: Deminer

Team No: DT-01

Task No: AF/0108/005560/MF0105

Activity of Victim during accident: Excavating

Type Device: PMN

Equipment Damaged: [None]

Village, District, Province: Qalia Badil Village, Paghman District, Kabul Province

Investigation Completed Y/N: Y

Action Taken by NGOs (Y/N): Y

BOI Conclusions:

The investigation team concluded that the contributing factor to this accident was Carelessness of deminer in terms of use of bayonet by left hand which was in contrary to his habit.

### Victim Report

**Victim number:** 878

**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 Arm, severe Hand

COMMENT: No Medical report was made available.

## **Analysis**

The primary cause of this accident is listed as Victim inattention because the investigators determined that the Victim used his left hand to excavate when unaccustomed to doing so and so made an error. The Victim may have swapped hands because of the inappropriate nature of the bayonet used to excavate in hard ground. The secondary cause is listed as Inadequate equipment because the handtool did not meet the IMAS recommendations for blast resistant tools.

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.