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DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 22/07/2011	Accident number: 791
Accident time: Not recorded	Accident Date: 03/10/2008
Where it occurred: Task # 824, TV hill, Kabul city, Kabul Province	Country: Afghanistan
Primary cause: Other (?)	Secondary cause: Other (?)
Class: Missed-mine accident	Date of main report: None
ID original source: (01)	Name of source: UNMACCA
Organisation: [Name removed]	
Mine/device: AP blast (unrecorded)	Ground condition: not recorded
Date record created:	Date last modified: 22/07/2011
No of victims: 1	No of documents: 1

Map details

Longitude:	Latitude:
Alt. coord. system: Not recorded	Coordinates fixed by:
Map east:	Map north:
Map scale:	Map series:
Map edition:	Map sheet:
Map name:	

Accident Notes

inadequate investigation (?)

mine/device found in "cleared" area (?)

Accident report

The only report of this accident that has been made available to date is a UNMACCA Lessons Learned document. Its conversion into a DDAS file has led to some of the original formatting being lost. Text in square brackets [] is editorial. This record will be revised if more information becomes available.

The document is reproduced below, edited for anonymity.

LESSONS LEARNED SUMMARY OF LOCAL MINE ACCIDENT IN CLEARED TASK # 824 OF TV HILL INTRODUCTION:

An investigation team was convened by AMAC Kabul and then by MACA to investigate the mine accident involving [the Victim] a local boy of 13 years. The accident occurred in a cleared task # 824 in TV hill the centre of Kabul city, the task was cleared by DT-02 of [Demining group] in November 2006.

SUMMARY:

TV hill is located in the center of Kabul city and was one of the heavily contaminated areas inside the city. Many civilian accidents occurred there after the war finished in Kabul city. In 2003 MACA decided to clear this area from the mine and ERW, thus AMAC Kabul planned and allocated resources for technical survey and then clearance.

Task # 824 was one of the tasks surveyed by MCPA and then cleared by [Demining group] in period of around 10 months. The clearance operations started there on 12th December 2005 and completed on 17th November 2006. After completion of clearance operations and handing over of this task to local population, on 3rd of October 2008 a civilian mine accident happened to a 13 years old boy walking in the area busy in kite playing. On 28th of October 2008 a team was tasked by CoOPS MACA in order to investigate the case and come up with recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The following points are to be considered:

- All around the big stones and any other doubtful area to be indicated by locals or identified by DT in the task should be re-cleared by [Demining group].
- Special QA visits to be conducted during re-clearance operations.
- MRE sessions to be held for local people on both sides of the area especially to the boys.
- The local residents to be convened, if they have any mine or UXO, should deliver them to demining team for destruction without any concerns or fear of being followed by police. The DMC is recommended to help this process.

Victim Report

Victim number: 981	Name: [Name removed]
Age: 13	Gender: Male
Status: civilian	Fit for work: not known
Compensation: Not made available	Time to hospital: Not made available
Protection issued: None	Protection used: None

Summary of injuries:

INJURIES: severe Foot

AMPUTATION/LOSS: Leg Below knee

COMMENT: No Medical report was made available. No details of injuries were recorded. The Victim was "walking" in the area so a severe foot injury or amputation can be inferred.

Analysis

The primary and secondary cause of this accident are listed as *Other* because the summary does not contain enough information to ascertain causes.

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, so ignoring the requirements of the IMAS. It is noteworthy that the Afghan national staff have been more responsible than those internationals who presume greater responsibility.