

MINE ACTION CO-ORDINATION CENTRE SOUTH LEBANON

Accidents reveal newly Israeli laid mines

On Friday 24 November 2006, three men working for "Armor Group" were injured in the village 'Deir Mimas' in South Lebanon.

"Armor Group", a UK based global risk management service, is funded by the United Arab Emirates to clear Cluster Bombs in South Lebanon.

The three casualties were treated in South Lebanese hospitals; they are from the following Nationalities:



One British (amputation of one foot).

One Bosnian (amputation of one foot).

One Lebanese (slightly injured).

The team was working on a site in "Deir Mimas" contaminated with cluster bombs, when an accident in the nearby area took place injuring and killing 4 goats. The team members went to respond to the accident (assuming it was a cluster bomb explosion) and to try to help the shepherd. On their way to the goat accident site, their accident took place.

The Mine Action Coordination Centre South Lebanon (MACC SL) sent an investigation team to the site, which concluded the following facts:



The accident site is contaminated with landmines.



The landmines found in the site are Israeli Anti Personnel landmines.



The type of the landmines is Israelis Number 4 mine.



This Mine Field was newly laid during the 2006 war.
This is the first evidence we have that the Israeli Forces laid new mines in

South Lebanon in 2006.

To date, more than 60 000 cluster bomb were cleared and destroyed without any casualties of the Teams working under the coordination of the MACC SL.

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