

## Jordan Article (5)

1. In the declaration of completion on the 24<sup>th</sup> April 2012, Jordan recalled that the States Parties have always been realistic in accepting that a residual risk remains in areas where anti-personnel mine have been emplaced. Therefore, in declaring completion, Jordan committed in the event that previously unknown anti-personnel mines or mined areas are discovered after completion was declared, to: (a) report such mined areas in accordance with its obligations under Article 7 and share such information through any other informal means; (b) ensure the effective exclusion of civilians in accordance with Article 5; and, (c) destroy or ensure the destruction of all anti-personnel mines in these areas as a matter of urgent priority, making its need for assistance known to other States Parties, as appropriate.
  
2. Mined areas that Jordan made every effort to identify were cleared by 24 April 2012. Consequently Jordan, as a responsible State Party, proceeded with verification efforts in two parts of the country, with these verification efforts resulting in the discovery of additional mines.

Demining in the Jordan Valley was declared complete in 2008. However, the clearance work by the REC was not compliant with national standards and was not subject to quality management. In response, the NCDR began a verification exercise in 2009.

As of last May 2013 till the end of October 95 APs and 59 fuzes were found and destroyed. In addition ,9 ATs and 54 fuzes and one UXO were found and 634,250 square metres had been verified. Jordan will continue verification of an additional 3,636,052 square metres in the near future

- a. As noted, demining along Jordan's northern border by NPA was declared complete in April 2012 with respect to all mined areas that Jordan had made every effort to identify. After clearance, there were discrepancies between the reported emplaced mines and the mines that had been found. The probable causes included migration

of mines outside of identified mined areas because of flooding and terrain fluctuations, and self-detonations.

- b. Verification was intended to be completed by the end of June 2013, However, the security situation along the border caused a delay and by Feb 2013 it was completely halted with 17% left to be verified.
- c. Due to the situation on the North Border the NPA moved their operation upon request from the NCDR to the Jordan Valley with the available fund from DoS which covered one month of operation.

During the one month operation in the Jordan Valley NPA verified 162,560 square meters and found 27 APs,5 fuzes in addition to 11 ATs fuzes. Unfortunately now the NPA is closing down their operation in Jordan.

Despite a considerable discrepancy between reported emplaced mines and mines which have been discovered and destroyed, NPA has only found a comparatively small number of them during its activities. This implies that there is a huge mismatch between the numbers of reported unaccounted mines and the real numbers of mines that may be have been relocated due to migration of mines and self-detonations. The numbers of mines that cannot be accounted for may not be used as an indicator of the actual number of mines that could be found in washout areas. When resuming the operations and in the event that additional previously unknown anti-personnel mines or mined areas are discovered as a result of verification along its northern border, Jordan will respond in the manner agreed to by the states parties.