Mine Action Update

Hudaydah

In April, UNMHA recorded six landmine/ERW incidents resulting in 13 civilian casualties. This is a 13 per cent decrease compared to April 2022 (15) and a 24 per cent decrease compared to March 2023 (17).

During the month of Ramadan (22 March to 21 April 2023), 22 casualties were recorded as a result of 10 incidents, in comparison to 15 casualties caused by nine incidents in the last Ramadan (2 April to 1 May 2022).

Tourism authorities in Hudaydah estimate that close to 300,000 visitors arrived in Hudaydah governorate during the Eid holiday, an unprecedentedly high number which is likely to have increased the risk to civilians unfamiliar with the area.

Mine Action Advocacy and Support

On the International Day of Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action (4 April 2023), UNMHA published a video message from the Head of Mission, Gen Michael Beary, reiterating UNMHA’s commitment to supporting the parties, and encouraging them to urgently advance mine action to allow the people of Hudaydah to live in peace and security.

The Mission also hosted a special Iftar to remember the victims and survivors of landmines/ERW in Hudaydah and Yemen. The event was attended by UNMHA’s international and local staff and their families and children as well as representatives from UN country team agencies in Hudaydah. During the Iftar, UNMHA’s Deputy Head of Mission Ms Vivian van de Perre stressed the importance of providing support mine survivors and their families.

To raise awareness about the victims of landmines, the Mission produced a video that showcases stories of landmine/ERW survivors and another video underscoring the importance of mine risk education and awareness.

The numbers in this document are as reported by multiple sources and have not been independently verified by UNMHA.

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