

LANDMINE BAN

Call to outlaw the cut-price killers

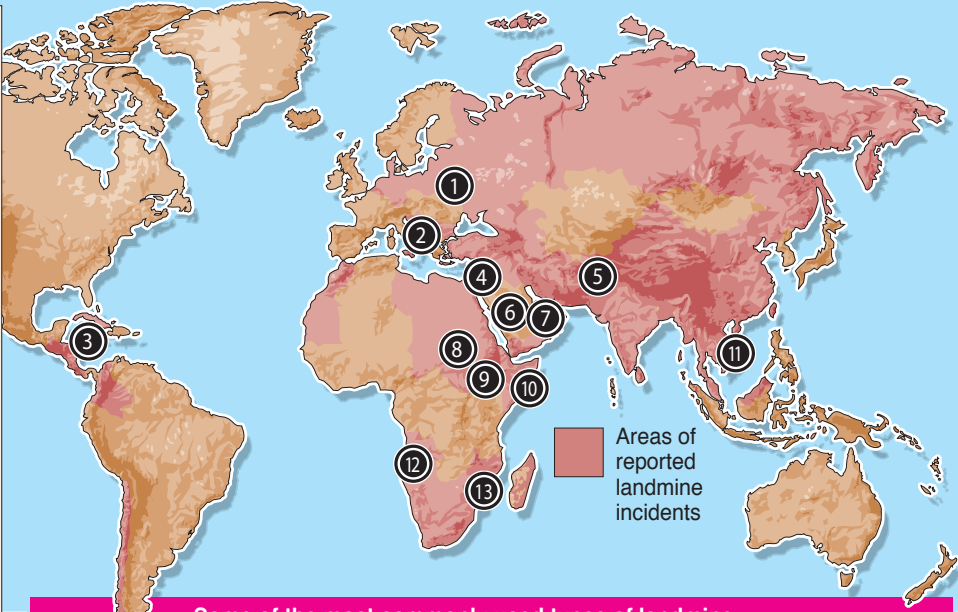
More than 15,000 people are killed or maimed by landmines every year. Readily available and costing as little as \$3 to \$15 each, their deployment is affordable and often random. The most frequent victims of their indiscriminate carnage are innocent – many of them children



Known deployment

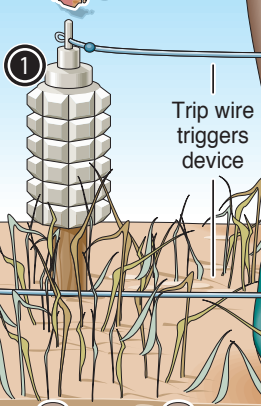
Countries most affected

1 Ukraine	1m
2 Bosnia/Croatia	2m
3 Nicaragua	0.1m
4 Jordan	0.2m
5 Afghanistan	9-10m
6 Iraq	5-10m
7 Kuwait	5m
8 Sudan	1m
9 Rwanda	50,000
10 Somalia	1m
11 Cambodia	4-7m
12 Angola	9m
13 Mozambique	1-2m

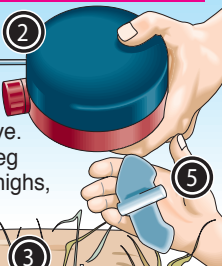


Some of the most commonly used types of landmine

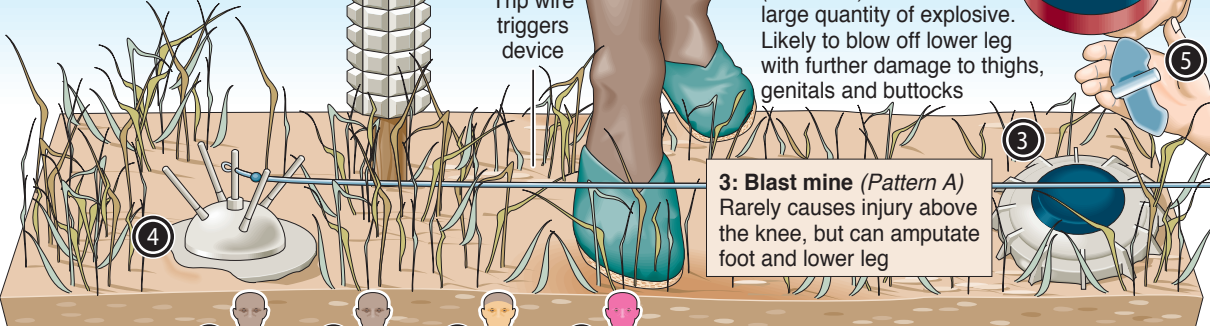
1: Stake mine (Pattern D)
 Fragmentation device scatters metal shards over wide area. Direct contact is usually fatal



2: Anti-personnel mine (Pattern B)
 Packed with large quantity of explosive. Likely to blow off lower leg with further damage to thighs, genitals and buttocks

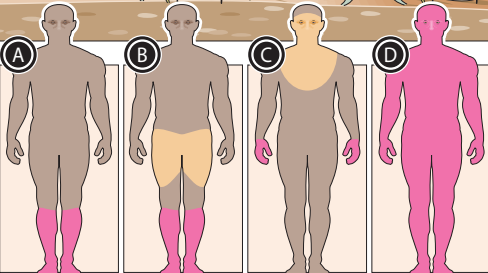


3: Blast mine (Pattern A)
 Rarely causes injury above the knee, but can amputate foot and lower leg



Injury patterns
 Characteristics and patterns of injuries can identify type of device responsible

Severe injury (pink)
Lesser injury (orange)



4: 'Bounding' mine (Pattern D) When triggered the Valmara 69 leaps into the air before shattering into 1,000 metal fragments. Anyone within 25m is likely to be killed – anyone within 100m injured

5: 'Butterfly' mine (Pattern C) Dropped from aircraft, wings help mines glide to ground. Liquid explosive detonates when device is picked up, usually amputating fingers or hands, with further injury to chest and face. Victims are usually children, who mistake them for toys