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## UN IN ACTION

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### MINE-ACTION EXERCISE

#### VIDEO

#### AUDIO

#### NARRATION

BOMBING OF LEBANON (ARCHIVAL)

When the bombs stop and the smoke begins to settle, often the first United Nations people on the ground are from a Mine Action Rapid

LEBANON DESTROYED:

Response team. In the immediate aftermath of conflicts around the world, one of the greatest dangers is from mines and unexploded ordnance left behind after the fighting. To both protect

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local populations and to allow UN peacekeepers and aid workers to move in to help, the area must be made safe. (29.5")

LANDMINE CLEARING AROUND THE  
WORLD

TEAM ON PLANE AND FLYING IN /  
VIEWS FROM PLANE

To prepare United Nations Mine Action Service staff for this complex and life-saving job, annual training courses are held. (7")

ARRIVING AT AIRPORT AT  
KRAMFORS

This year the training is in a forest in northern Sweden. (3")

ARMED SOLDIER

The participants, from different UN operations around the world, are flown into the fictitious country of Sandland where, in this scenario, a

recent civil war has just ended. (10.5”)

TAMMY HALL ARRIVES WITH TEAM Team-leader, Tammy Hall, and her colleagues are quickly thrown into the war games. With Swedish soldiers disguised as a band of local militia, the team’s responses are closely monitored by the exercise coordinators. (14”)

NAT SOT: MILITIAMAN: (English) **M**

MINE ACTION EXERCISE  
*“Get out! Come on! Shut down the car or I’ll do it for you!” (4”)*

CHRIS CLARK: (English) **M**

CLARK ON CAMERA  
*“The purpose of that scenario was to set the scene to make them aware they’re not in Sweden...” (4.5”)*

NARRATION

Chris Clark, himself a veteran of several real-life Rapid Response teams, is a trainer on the course. (5”)

CHRIS CLARK: (English) **M**

*“...and this is the environment they’re going to have to operate in for the next seven to eight days.” (4”)*

MILITIAMAN: (English) **M**

MINE ACTION EXERCISE – TEAM LEAVES VEHICLES / MEN WITH GUNS  
*“Open the door! Open the f..... door right now! Open the door or I’ll shoot!” (6.5”)*

TAMMY HALL: (English) **F**

TAMMY HALL ON CAMERA  
*“They’re going to kidnap someone. I thought that was the scenario.” (4”)*

TRAINING EXERCISE -  
SURRENDERED TEAM WITH  
MILITIAMEN

NAT SOT: TAMMY HALL: (English) **F**  
*“Can you tell us who you are and why you’re  
doing this?” (2”)*

TAMMY HALL: (English) **F**  
*“I tried to get out the message that we are just  
humanitarian workers, we’re not political people,  
we’re not threatening.” (5.5”)*

NAT SOT: MILITIAMAN: (English) **M**  
*“What are you doing in this place?” (1”)*

NAT SOT: TAMMY HALL: (English) **F**  
*“We’re just setting up a coordination centre for  
the United Nations. We’re just humanitarian  
workers. We’re not threatening in any way.”  
(6.5”)*

NAT SOT: MILITIAMAN: (English) **M**  
*“I already told you guys, we don’t need NATO,  
we don’t need UN. We’re loyal with our  
president. Just so you know, we will come back  
to you. We know where you’re at! We will come  
visit you, and we will show you why we don’t  
want you here! Back in the car! ” (16.5”)*

CAR LEAVES

MILITIAMEN IN CAMP

NARRATION  
During their stay in the camp, various real-life  
scenarios from post-conflict emergencies are  
thrown at the team – they have to deal with the  
disgruntled local militia whose villages are  
riddled with cluster-bombs. (11.5”)

**MILITIAMAN SHOWS CLUSTER BOMB**

NATSOT: MILITIAMEN/TAMMY: (English)  
Militiaman: “Why are you not doing anything?”  
Tammy (F): “We have security concerns about our staff. Yesterday wasn’t a secure environment.”  
Militiaman: “Security? We ARE the security. You come and help us and we have the area. It’s our area.”  
Tammy (F): “I realize. Can you put the guns aside so that we can have a better conversation, honestly.”  
Militiaman: “We have tried conversation with you. You promise a lot, but you cannot help us. This is what makes the accidents for our people.”  
Tammy (F): “That’s why we have teams that are coming to clear that but they’re not here yet. We don’t have the capacity.”  
(34 seconds for all)

**MARK WILLIAMS IN EXERCISE**

NAT SOT: MARK WILLIAMS: (English) **M**  
“You’re OK, mate?” (1”)

**RESCUE OPERATION – CLEARING OF LANDMINE**

NARRATION  
They are also called out to rescue a civilian from a minefield. (3”)

**MARK WILLIAMS ADDRESSES PARTNERS**

Coordinating the efforts of the other aid agencies trying to operate in the area is also their responsibility. (5.5”)

NAT SOT: MARK WILLIAMS: (English) **M**  
“For the contractors and the NGOs from the mine action community, that’s maybe of good value to you.” (7.5”)

MINE ACTION SEMINAR

NARRATION

Effective rapid emergency responses are the key to saving lives, and to allowing normal life to resume as soon as possible. And *training* those people who respond is vital. (8")

MAX KERLEY ON CAM

MAX KERLEY: (English) **M**

*"You probably learn more lessons from when you do badly during training than you learn from that which goes well during training. Better to do it here than wherever we next deploy the rapid response for real."* (9.5")

RESCUE OPERATION

NARRATION

MINE-ACTION WORK IN THE FIELD

To date, United Nations Mine Action Service Rapid Response teams have assisted in post-conflict emergencies in Gaza, Kosovo and Lebanon. The work of the UN Mine Action

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Service and its partners impacts the daily lives of millions in over 40 countries as they implement

EXPLOSION OF LANDMINES IN THE FIELD

their vision of a world free of landmines and explosive remnants of war. (22")

UN LOGO

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