FOCUS: The Middle East

The Focus section of The Journal looks at issues affecting a particular country or region. The Journal seeks articles analyzing the effect of recent unrest in the Middle East on mine/explosive remnants of war (ERW)-action programs in the region. What new challenges does the region face? What lessons learned can be applied to improve the situation? Topics of interest include all aspects of conventional-weapons-destruction programs, including mine/ERW-clearance progress, use of surveys and area reduction, destruction of excess munitions or small arms/light weapons, mine-risk-education projects, victim-assistance efforts, socioeconomic impact of mines or other conventional weapons, and technology being produced or tested in the region. Article submissions from national programs are strongly encouraged. Stories on regional projects covering multiple countries are also highly desired.

FEATURE: Survivor Assistance

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