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## CALL FOR PAPERS

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*The Journal* invites government bodies, nongovernmental organizations, military personnel, researchers, academics and industry experts to contribute their articles or case studies. We are actively looking for theoretical and practice-based contributions.

#### EDITORIAL

##### HMA and Neutrality

Humanitarian operations in conflict environments rely on the principles of neutrality and impartiality to gain access to and trust in the communities where they work. In situations where humanitarian aid cannot wait for ongoing hostilities to cease, how do humanitarian mine action (HMA) organizations avoid aligning humanitarian efforts and resources with military- or security-based objectives? How do HMA organizations ensure the parameters of their work are clearly defined in order to avoid being seen as taking a side? What guidelines and policies have HMA operators developed to address these issues? What is working and what isn't?

#### SPOTLIGHT

##### Europe

Unexploded ordnance (UXO) and landmines from past conflicts have littered the European landscape for over a century. How have explosive remnants of war (ERW) affected European development? What safeguards are in place to protect the civilian population from explosive threats? What lessons for the international community can Europe share in regards to urban clearance?

Of particular interest are: Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Georgia, Germany, the Netherlands, Serbia, and Ukraine.

#### FEATURE

##### Battle Area Clearance in Urban Areas

*The Journal* is pursuing articles on battle area clearance (BAC) in urban areas. How does your organization approach hazardous area situations in urban areas? Which types of technologies and methodologies are employed in urban environments? What lessons learned and best practices can we share with the rest of the world?

#### SPECIAL REPORT

##### Personal Protection Equipment & New Detection Technology

What developments have been made to personal protection equipment (PPE)? How far has the CWD community come in terms of protecting our deminers in the field? Similarly, what kind of technologies has the community leveraged to detect explosive hazards? With so many new applications for drone technology, what have organizations learned from working with these tools?

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A Norwegian People's Aid deminer in Bosnia and Herzegovina.  
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