

Cartagena Summit

Regional Factsheet



EAST ASIA, SOUTH ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

States Parties to the Mine Ban Treaty

Afghanistan	Australia	Bangladesh	Bhutan	Brunei
Cambodia	Cook Islands	Fiji	Indonesia	Japan
Kiribati	Malaysia	Maldives	Nauru	New Zealand
Niue	Papua New Guinea	Philippines	Samoa	Solomon Islands
Thailand	Timor-Leste	Vanuatu		

States Not Party to the Mine Ban Treaty

China	India	Korea, North	Korea, South	Lao PDR
Marshall Islands*	Micronesia	Mongolia	Myanmar/Burma	Nepal
Pakistan	Palau	Singapore	Sri Lanka	Tonga
Tuvalu	Vietnam			

*Marshall Islands has signed the Mine Ban Treaty but has yet to ratify it

Mine-Affected States and Other Areas

Afghanistan; Cambodia; China; India; Lao PDR; Myanmar; Nepal; North Korea; South Korea; Pakistan; Philippines; Sri Lanka; Thailand; Vietnam; *Taiwan*

Highlights

Afghanistan has the world's largest and oldest demining program. It remains one of the states with the highest level of contamination from landmines and explosive remnants of war. It has the highest number of casualties caused by landmines, explosive remnants of war and improvised explosive devices over the 1999-2008 period, with 12,069 casualties recorded.

In Cambodia, at least 7,300 casualties caused by mines, explosive remnants of war and improvised explosive devices were recorded between 1999 and 2008, for a total of more than 60,000 casualties since 1979.

Myanmar/Burma is one of only two governments that have used landmines in the past years, the other one being Russia.

China, a state not party to the Mine Ban Treaty, has the world's largest stockpiles, with an estimated 110 million stockpiled antipersonnel landmines.

Interview Opportunities

Sulaiman Aminy – Before he co-founded the Afghan Landmine Survivors Association, Aminy worked for Handicap International and the International Rescue Committee. He has actively campaigned for survivor assistance throughout Afghanistan. *Languages: English, Dari*

Purna Shova Chitrakar - Chitrakar has coordinated NGO efforts to ban mines in Nepal since 1995, and in this capacity has extensively engaged with her government, including to ensure non-use of landmines would be included in peace agreements with armed opposition groups. *Languages: English, Nepali*

Prasanna Rajiv Kuruppu - A Sri Lankan landmine survivor, Kuruppu has led efforts to establish rights and social services for combat casualties and persons with disabilities in the wake of civil war in Sri Lanka. He was the first individual award recipient of the *Stavros S. Niarchos Foundation Prize for Survivorship*, awarded to a survivor who has contributed to reconstruction and reconciliation. *Language: English*

Other campaigners, mine action experts and landmine survivors are available for interviews in many languages.