



Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance

DISASTER CASE REPORT

Agency for
International
Development

Washington D.C.
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THAILAND - Accident

Date: November 16, 1980 (FY 1981)

Location: Bangkok

No. Dead: 38

No. Affected: 350

Damage: Destruction of an army munitions factory and a surrounding four-block area

The Disaster

On November 16, 1980, an explosion in an army munitions factory occurred when a worker inadvertently connected the wrong fuse in a rocket. The explosion detonated some 5,000 other rockets which triggered a two and a half hour blaze and destroyed a four-block area.

Action Taken by the Royal Thai Government

None reported

Assistance Provided by the United States Government

On November 18, 1980, the Charge d' Affaires exercised his Disaster Assistance Authority to assist in providing relief to the victims of the explosion. On the same day, a check for \$5,000 was presented to the Royal Thai Government.

Assistance Provided by U.S. Voluntary Agencies

None reported

Assistance Provided by the International Community

None reported