

APL Stockpiling and Destruction in Thailand

Mr. Co-Chairs, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am MG. Gitti Suksomstarn, the Director General of Thailand Mine Action Center (TMAC). Thank you very much for giving me an opportunity to inform you of the APL stockpile destruction in Thailand.

As you know, Thailand will have completely operated APL stockpile destruction in accordance with the Ottawa Convention by the end of April 2003. In this regard, 4,970 APLs are retained for training and research purposes.

In summary, since the establishment of TMAC in November 1999, Thailand has continuously destroyed approximately 286,245 APLs. There are 51,480 APLs left for destroying within April 2003. The stockpile destruction is planned to operate three times this year, beginning from February to 22 April 2003. The average quantity of APL stockpile destruction is around 1,000-2,000 APLs/day, depending on their types and sizes.

We strongly believe that the first success of 4-year stockpile destruction will assist Thailand to be a free-mine country in the near future. However on behalf of Thai people, we would like to thank all donor countries for your support.

Thank You.

Summary of APL Stockpiling and destruction in Thailand

No.	Details	Quantity (APLs)	Remarks
1	Total APLs are destroyed in accordance with the Ottawa Convention.	342,695	Stockpiles of the Royal Thai Army, Navy, Air Force, and Police (Ordnance & Border Patrol Police)
2	APLs are retained for training and research purposes.	4,970	3,000 (Army) 1,000 (Navy) 600(Air Force) 370 (Police)
3	APLs are left for the total destruction.	337,725	
4	APLs had been destroyed during 1999-2001.	117,557	Army, Navy, and Police
5	APLs are left for destruction in 2002.	220,168	
6	APLs had been destroyed for six times in 2002.	120,000	Army
7	APLs are left for destruction in 2003.	100,168	
8	The Army Arsenal explosion was on 25 th October 2001	48,688	
9	Exact APLs are left for destruction in 2003.	51,480	
10	The destruction is planned to operate 3 times in 2003 in different provinces: I.19 Feb-5 Mar(Ratchaburi) II.3-19 Mar (Lop Buri) III. 8-24 Apr (Lop Buri)	1,000-2,000 APLs/day	(Depending on their types and sizes)

As of January 2003