

Minefield, Victim Assistance, Mine Clearance



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In South Korea

Civilian mine victim



Mine Deployed History

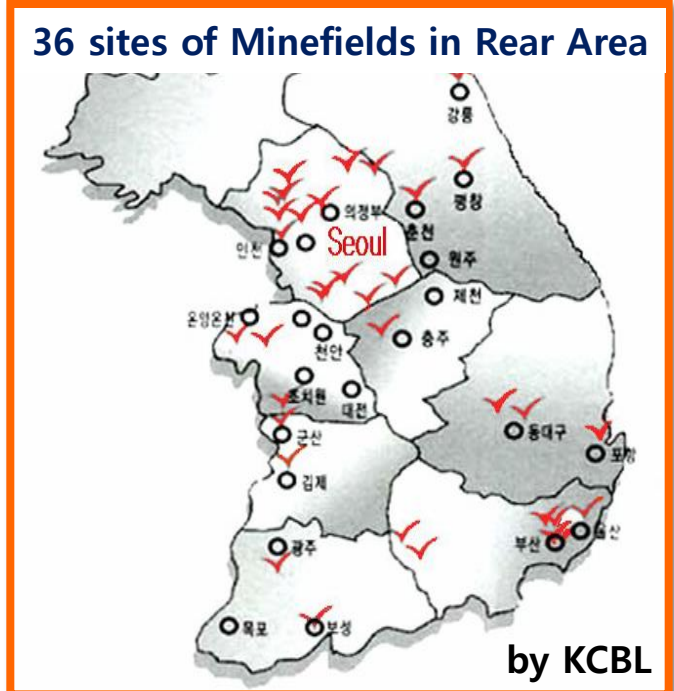
- ❖ Korean War – 200,000 rounds from June 1950 to July 1953
- ❖ Cuban Missile Crisis – Oct. 1962
- ❖ Vietnam War – 1,070,000 from 1955 to 1975
 - 1st North Korean Guerrillas(31) Invasion– Jan.18, 1968 at near the Blue House
 - 2nd North Korean Guerrillas(120) Invasion–Oct. 30 to Nov.2,1968, 3rd times through east coast
- ❖ Asian Game and Seoul Olympic Game– from 1986 to 1988 at rear air defense bases
- ❖ 1990s– deployed at 7 military sites

In Korea Mine Fields

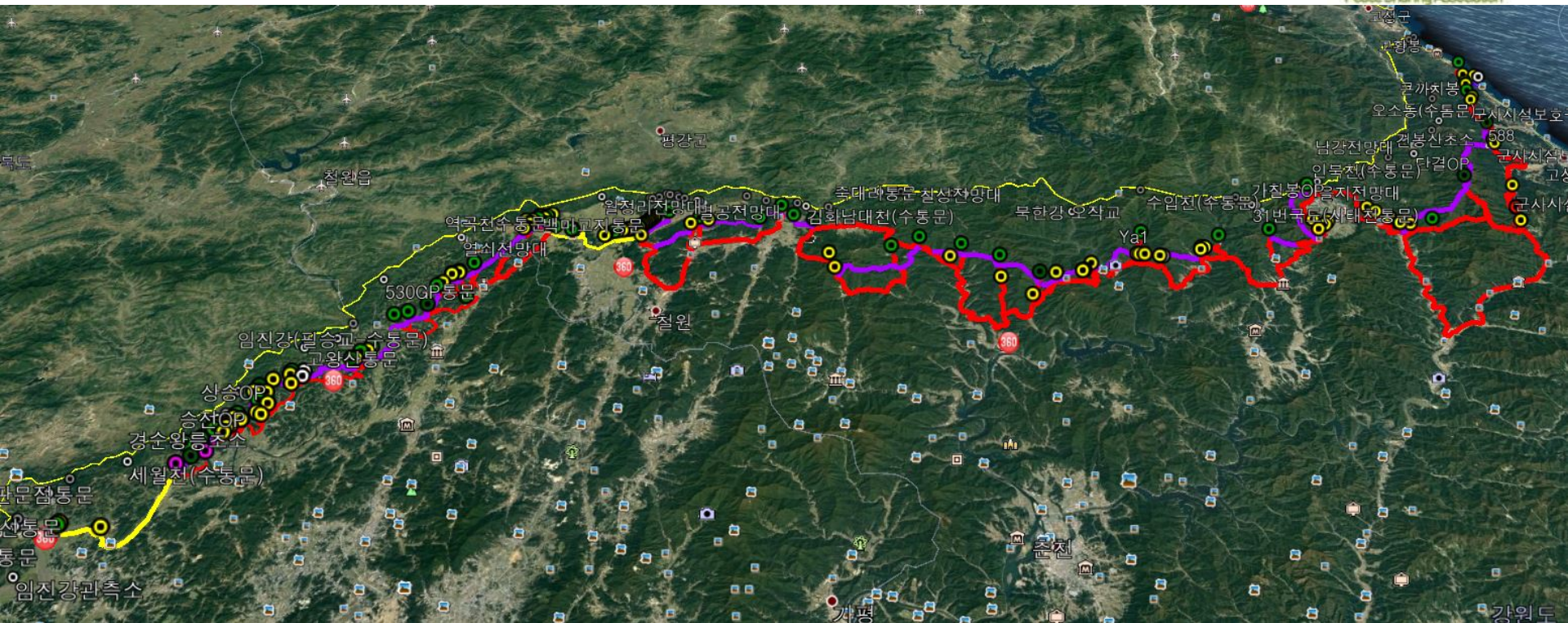


DMZ
(Demilitarized
Zone)

Rear Area



DMZ Minefields (2009 ~ 2015)



- Civilian Control Zone, however free way for civilians due to no hurdles or walls. About 200 sites
- Sites controlled by army

South Korea Minefields



- ❖ Inside of DMZ– 518 sites, 16.9km², 520,000 rounds
- ❖ Civilian Control Zone– about 740,000 rounds
 - Planned minefields–13.3km², 543 sites.
 - Unconfirmed minefields–90.9km², 198 sites.
- ❖ Southern Area from Civilian Control Zone–
 - Planned Minefields–11 sites, 1.4km².
 - Unconfirmed Minefields–18 sites, 1.9km².
 - * Air defense bases–37 sites, 10,000 rounds of M16 APM
- ❖ Unconfirmed Minefields– 14.6 times of planned minefields
- ❖ Deployed Mines– about 61.8% is M14 Plastic APM & M16 APM

Korean Minefields and Numbers

- Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) & Civilian Control Zone
- Planned Minefields at the Rear Areas
- Unconfirmed, Planned Minefields at the Front
- Size of Minefields- 114.4km² (31.6 km² / 92.8 km²)

■ Number of Mines Deployed

Total Numbers of buried mines

About 1,270,000 (front)

About 10,000 (rear)

■ Mine Types

•South Korea–

M14, M16A1, M2A4, M3,
PMD–6/M15, M7A2(ATM)

•North Korea–

PMDs, PMD–57, PMN, BBN–
82/ ATM–72, ALM–82(ATM)

Korean Minefields

Dispensable Minefields at wartime are 75%

Total size of minefields – 114.4km²

Unconfirmed minefields

- 92.8km²

75% of Total Size

Planned
minefields

- 31.6km²

Period needed for removal in unconfirmed minefields

About 489 Years

by Ministry of National Defense

North Korean land mine blasts uncle, nephew, August 10, 2010

One of the North Korean wooden box land mines that may have been washed into South Korea by heavy flooding in the North.

A North Korean land mine exploded in an inter-Korean border area in Gyeonggi, near the Imjin River, on 31st, killing one South Korean civilian and injuring another, according to the military on 1st. 90 wooden box-type land mines were found on an island in Ganghwa, Incheon and Imjin, Paju.



Types of Mines

Anti-personnel Mine : M14

Made of plastic, a bit metal or other materials, landmine contain explosives and pieces of shrapnel. They can be activated by direct pressure from above. Most of M14 mines were produced and used by US Army.

Size : 4cmX5.5cm

Weight : 98g



Types of Mines

**Anti-personnel Mine :
M16**



**Anti-personnel Mine :
M3**

ARTICLE IV

Facilities and Areas - Return of Facilities

1. The Government of the United States is not obliged, when it returns facilities and areas to the Government of the Republic of Korea on the expiration of this Agreement or at an earlier date, to restore the facilities and areas to the

Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA)

Article III. 1. No Obligation to Notify

Article IV. 2. No Obligation to Restore Facilities and Areas to State in Former Conditions

made in facilities and areas or for the buildings and structures left thereon on the expiration of this Agreement or the earlier return of the facilities and areas.

3. The foregoing provisions shall not apply to any construction which the Government of the United States may undertake under special arrangements with the Government of the Republic of Korea.

Demining Operation at the DMZ

- **Joint Security Area demining operation-**
From Oct. 1, 2018 to Oct. 20, 2018,
Southern area: 0, Northern area: 5 rounds

- **Arrow Head Hill demining operation-**
From Oct. 1, 2018 to Nov. 30, 2018, Southern area of
border line: Mines 27 rounds(M2A4: 17, M3: 10), Grenades
213, ERW 121, Remains 13, Articles 1,496.
Expected remains – **1,800** at Arrow head hill and White horse hill
(Plan to resume exhumation from April 1, 2019);
Total **84,000** at 48 battlefields in DMZ - South Korean 10,000,
US & UN 1,000, North Korean 15,000, Chinese 58,000

- **Institutional architecture issue for Mine Action-**
UN Command, ROK-US Combined Forces Command,
ROK Army, Korean People's Army (North Korea)

- **Stakeholders of Minefields in Korea-**
Land owners, civil society, government, military.

Tasks of KCBL / PSA

- To urge the removal of mines from unconfirmed minefields- dispensable mines at wartime and mines of private lands, and then planned mines.**
- To make non-technical survey on minefields: buried history, characters of minefields and mines, actors, environmental impact, socio-economic impact etc.**
- To suggest to join the Ottawa Mine Ban Treaty to two Koreas, simultaneously and in parallel.**

Peace Together~*
Thank you~*

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