Investigation timeline Mali mortar accident 2016

Mortar accident in Mali: a mortar explodes, leaving two dead and one seriously injured
6 July 2016

Public	Not public
	Royal Military Police Forensic Unit captures photo graphic evidence of remains *8 July 2016*
Dutch Safety Board and Ministry of Defence (Commission of Investigations (CVO) dispatch investigation teams, on the ground in Kidal *12 July 2016*	Completion of initial investigation by Royal Military Police in Gao *23 July 2016*
2017	
	CVO report released internally at Defence *2 February 2017*
	Defence receives Research Board's draft report *26 June 2017*
	Minister of Defence proposes additional investigation in Gao by Safety Board and Defence *26 July 2017*
Safety Board and Defence prepare additional investigation in Gao *17 August 2017*	
Additional investigation in Gao by the Safety Board and Defence, but the shells have disappeared *28 August 2017*	
	Defence report by Internal Investigations (HHO) into missing shells in Gao released internally *15 September 2017*
Mali Mortar Accident report published by Safety Board *28 September 2017*	
House debate followed by dual resignation of Minister of Defence and Commander of the Armed Forces *3 October 2017*	
2018	
	Defence starts preparations to destroy 1,138 shells due to transfer Camp Castor in Gao *11 January 2018*
	Field research into 1,138 shells in Gao, dismantling begins *19 February 2018*
	Work in Gao is halted by Public Prosecution Service *15 March 2018*
	Royal Military Police launch second investigation after next of kin file criminal complaint *4 April 2018*
2019	
	Weapon Systems and Ammunition Knowledge Centre advises Minister of Defence on how to safely dispose of 10,000 mortar shells *20 January 2019*
	Internal completion second investigation (2018-2019) Royal Military Police *28 March 2019*
Letter from Minister of Defence to House of Representatives and Safety Board regarding advice from the Weapon Systems and Ammunition Knowledge Centre *29 August 2019*	
Publication of rectification and response from the Safety Board following the Weapon Systems and Ammunition Knowledge Centre's advisory report on the origin of two pieces of shrapnel retrieved from vest *5 November 2019*	
2020	
	Confidential Expert report by expert affiliated with Defence Equipment & Support, part of the UK defence ministry, at the request of the Public Prosecution Service *30 September 2020*
2021	
Radio programme Argos asks the Safety Board about possible new facts *14 October 2021*	
Safety Board requests official report on second investigation Royal Military Police (2018-2019) from Public Prosecution Service *19 November 2021*	
Safety Board decision to reopen Mali mortar accident investigation *7 December 2021*	
2022	
Reopening of Mali mortar accident investigation is announced *13 January 2022*	

Results of new investigation Mali mortar accident are published
31 August 2022

- Dutch Safety Board
- Netherlands Prosecution Service
- Netherlands Ministry of Defence