

## Mortar, leftover from Vietnam war, kills four young children

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The [report](#) [1] did not indicate if it was a U.S. or Vietnamese mortar that exploded, killing four young children and injuring five other people. It doesn't really matter. What matters is that we someday wake up to the reality the costs of war linger for decades after most have forgotten the conflicts. For too many those costs are personal and lasting.

Vietnamese government figures show that unexploded bombs have killed more than 42,000 people since the war ended in 1975. And that's only in Vietnam. It does not include Cambodia or Laos where ordinances continue to get set to this day.

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[1] <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2012/dec/03/vietnamese-children-killed-mortar-shell>