Avalanche incidents in Norway 2016/17 season

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- The typical thing to say about our winter was lack of snow
- 2 dead. 1 Italian in an avalanche in Lyngen / 1 Norwegian in a cornice breake in Romsdal.
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SKAVLBRUDD: På dette arkivbildet ser du toppen av Litlisset - og øverste del av stupet hun falt utfor. Foto: Tore Meirik
Avalanche accident in Lyngen 16.03.2017

Long distances, from Tromsø about 2 hours by car (20min by HKP)
Group of four tourists, not able to communicate the position – language problems.
Heli went to wrong valley, search for 30 min.
Avalanche in same area earlier same day, not reported -
- Terrain trap, difficult to make a safe approach.
- Early decision to limit the number of rescuers.
- Early transceiver signal – 7m
  Need for fit and trained rescuers to dig
- Final depth 5,3m
- Located in a river
- Due to long burrialtime CPR was preformed because of air pocket over the whater where the victim was found.
- The person was transported to the hospital in Tromsø and put on ECMO treatment, but the braindamage was unfortunately too big – died the next morning.
Avalanche Haugastøl 15/3-17
- A group of six German skiers was caught in an avalanche near to Haugastøl.
- The missing woman was found after four hours buried under 1.5 m of snow.
- Found by a rescue dog.