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Two U.S. contractors killed in Iraq Sunday

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. -- Two American security contractors were killed and one was critically injured Sunday morning outside of Bayji, Iraq when an improvised explosive device (IED) was detonated along the roadside as the truck in which they were traveling passed. The injured man was reportedly evacuated to Baghdad for medical treatment.

Vincent Foster, 31, of Port Orchard, Wash., and Thomas Carter, 49, of Portland, Ore. were killed when an explosion rocked their vehicle. A third man, Michael S. Price, 33, of Concord, Calif. was critically injured in the attack.

Foster was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, Carter was an Army veteran, and Price was a Navy veteran.

Next of kin have been notified.

The three were traveling in a convoy to a base camp when the incident occurred. The men were working in Iraq for Cochise Consultancy, Inc., a security firm headquartered in Valrico, Fla. under subcontract to USA Environmental, Inc., an explosive ordnance and demolition company headquartered in Tampa, Fla.

The work is in support of the Captured Enemy Ammunition (CEA) program of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Engineering and Support Center in Huntsville, Ala.

The incident is under investigation.

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