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Two U.S. contractors killed in Iraq Sunday

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. -- Two American security contractors were killed and one was critically wounded Sunday 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 critically injured man was evacuated to Baghdad for medical treatment.

Names of the dead are being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

The three were traveling to a base camp when the incident occurred. The men were working in Iraq for Cochise Consultancy, Inc., headquartered in Valrico, Fla. under subcontract to USA Environmental, Inc., an ordnance and explosives 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 currently under investigation.

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