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Huntsville Center contractor suffers fatalities in Iraq

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — Two U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center Huntsville contractor employees died and a third was injured Oct. 27 in Iraq.

Joe Smith, an American living in Cambridge, England, and Khaled Ali, a Jordanian national, both working for Cochise Consultancy, Inc., of Valrico, Fla., were killed when the vehicle they were riding in was struck by an Improvised Explosive Device.

The incident is under investigation.

Huntsville Center is a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Center of Expertise for Ordnance and Explosives. Huntsville Center's Coalition Munitions Clearance Program is responsible for receiving, transporting, segregating and destroying captured or any other munitions posing a danger in Iraq. Storage and disposal of the ammunition is performed at several locations throughout Iraq. To date, more than 293,000 tons of ammunition has been destroyed by the Huntsville Center program, significantly reducing risks to Iraqi citizens and U.S. personnel serving in Iraq.

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