

America Commends Bravery of Bahamian Soldier Killed In Iraq

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Private First Class Norman Darling

American officials have commended the bravery of a Bahamian soldier killed in Iraq last week and have extended official courtesies to the family of Private First Class Norman Darling.

Darling and seven of his comrades were killed last week Thursday in a car bombing when a suicide bomber detonated explosives while the unit was conducting a device sweep patrol in Baghdad.

On the same day two other troops were killed in what has been described as one of the bloodiest wars in modern times. But according to U.S. President George Bush a necessary military invasion to stop the axis of evil and those who are behind weapons of mass destruction.

A statement from the American Embassy confirmed Darling's death and disclosed that his parents Sidney and Madeline Darling would be given visas to travel to the United States for their son's funeral.

Darling was assigned to the U.S. Army's 4th Battalion, 27th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Armoured Division, Baumholder Germany.

Pfc Darling had been in Iraq just over three months. At the time of his death he was a resident of Middleboro, Massachusetts, where he lived with his wife.

American authorities were not sure when Darling's body would be returned to the U.S. nor when the funeral service would be held.

The war in Iraq has claimed over 860 coalition troops, inclusive of over 750 Americans.