

Body in Iraq was missing U.S. soldier

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BAGHDAD - U.S. military officials identified a body found in Iraq's Euphrates River as one of the three missing American soldiers.

The military identified the soldier as Army Pfc. Joseph Anzack Jr. of Torrance, Calif., The New York Times reported Thursday.

Anzack was one of three soldiers seized in an ambush on May 12. The Army has mounted a huge search for the missing soldiers. The search for the other two men, Spc. Alex R. Jimenez, 25, of Lawrence, Mass., and Pvt. Byron W. Fouty, 19, of Waterford, Mich., continued Thursday.

The U.S. military declined to give information on the condition of the body and cut off Internet access to troops to cut down on rumors, the Times reported.

"We will give the truth to the families first," U.S. Army Maj. Webster Wright told the Times.

Iraqi police officials said the body had bullet wounds and possible signs of torture, the newspaper reported.

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