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News

Two 9/11 Families Get \$104 Million Award Against Terror Backers

by KYW's Steve Tawa

A federal judge in New York has awarded nearly \$104 million in damages to the families of two victims of the September 11th attacks.

The relatives of the victims were represented by a center city Philadelphia law firm.

The names of the six defendants are now firmly etched in our minds: Saddam Hussein, Osama bin Laden, Iraq, Afghanistan, the Taliban, and al-Qaida.



Judge Harold Baer found that the plaintiffs -- representing the families George Smith of Chester County, who was lost in the South tower of the World Trade Center and Timothy Soulas of North Jersey, who was lost in the North tower -- had provided some evidence that Iraq provided support to Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida:

"The only one found not liable was Saddam Hussein. The judge found he had immunity."

Attorney Slade McLaughlin is with the James Beasley law firm in Philadelphia:

"Iraq has been found liable, as has Afghanistan, the Taliban, bin Laden and al-Qaida."

The case is being closely watched by lawyers for plaintiffs in other September 11th related lawsuits, because it's the first one to reach the damages phase.



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