

## **Special 'reunion' for Iraq Marine**

A SPECIAL 'reunion' was held at the Diplomat Radisson SAS Hotel in Manama, when American James Dillon saw his newborn son, James Alexander, for the first time.

The baby was sleeping soundly in his mother's arms in the Reston Hospital Centre in Virginia, US, as his father watched from Bahrain via a video link organized by the charity organization Freedom Calls Foundation.

Mr Dillon's wife, Julie Ann, was broadcast live from a screen in the hospital's recovery room with their baby boy and one-year-old daughter Mallory.

Mr Dillon, a marine based in Iraq, was in Bahrain for business.

"We are committed in supporting initiatives like the Freedom Calls Foundation and pleased that we were able to contribute to this special moment," said the Diplomat's operations manager Fuad Mansour.

The Freedom Calls Foundation is a charity organization with a satellite communications network that enables soldiers to keep in touch with their families.

The foundation has three facilities in Iraq with a 24/7 access to Freedom Calls' services.

"It is through organizations like Radisson SAS Hotels and Resorts that we are able to execute the mission of the Freedom Calls Foundation," said Freedom Calls Foundation executive director John Harlow.