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Behind the news...

Tokio Marine Kiln's accident & health team provides specialist, often bespoke, protection for foreign correspondents and television personalities – and their film crews – sending broadcast reports and programmes home from active war zones.

With an established track record in covering high profile newscasters from recognised media outlets, Tokio Marine Kiln was approached to meet the specific insurance requirements of a TV personality and film crew while they were embedded with the British forces in Afghanistan for an extended period to make a prime time documentary series.

"While we would want to avoid insuring freelancers who could sometimes take unwise risks in pursuit of the career-making story," says Tim Prifti, "because we are not limited by the ratings manual,

we were able to find a workable solution to this unique set of circumstances. We assessed the client's specific requirements and, because we can be flexible, we were able to create a unique, highly specialised product."

The crew were accompanying soldiers who were subjected to intensive attack by insurgents and also narrowly missed a roadside land mine which severely damaged another vehicle in the convoy; fortunately there were no serious injuries.

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