



US Court Accuses Iran of Sponsoring the 9/11 Attacks. « Ridiculous » and « Absurd »

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Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman [Hossein Jaber Ansari, image left] has slammed as "unjust", "ridiculous" and "absurd" a US court ruling against the Islamic Republic over the September 11, 2001 attacks in the United States.

On Monday, Hossein Jaber Ansari described the US court order as "the latest product of the US Judicial system in the race for blindly following Zionist Iranophobic scenarios."

"The ruling is ludicrous and absurd to the point that it makes a mockery of the principle of justice while further tarnishes the US judiciary's reputation," he said.

On Wednesday, Iran was ordered by a US judge to pay more than \$10.5 billion in damages to families of people killed on 9/11 and to a group of insurers.

US district judge George Daniels issued the judgment in New York, claiming Iran has failed to defend itself against allegations of involvement in the attacks.

The court ruling is based on the 9/11 Commission Report which stated that some attackers moved through Iran and did not have their passports stamped.

The verdict comes as none of the 19 hijackers on September 11 were Iranian citizens. Fifteen were from Saudi Arabia, while two from the United Arab Emirates and one each from Egypt and Lebanon.



Smoke billowing from the Twin Towers in New York City, September 11, 2001. (AP photo)

Saudi Arabia was legally cleared from paying damages to the families of 9/11 victims last year, after Judge Daniels dismissed accounts that the Persian Gulf monarchy provided material support to the terrorists and ruled that Riyadh had sovereign immunity.

Jaber Ansari said that such rulings also send a "highly dangerous and meaningful message" to terrorists and their allies that "you may feel free to continue killing American people and others in the world because not only are we not going to hunt you but in response to your crimes, we will target your strongest and most effective enemies."

The spokesman further expressed regret that the US State Department in an “illogical, incorrect and immoral” approach has for years placed Iran on its so-called list of sponsors of terrorism.

“This move has formed the basis for the dismissal of all principles of fair trials or even common sense in political ruling issued by certain US courts,” he said.

“Although these unjust orders are apparently directed at the Iranian nation and government,” Jaber Ansari said, ultimately it is the American people and families of the 9/11 victims whose rights will be violated as a result of these completely “misleading” court orders.

The September 11, 2001 attacks were a series of strikes in the US, which killed nearly 3,000 people and caused about \$10 billion worth of property and infrastructure damage.

US officials assert that they were carried out by al-Qaeda terrorists but many experts have raised questions about the official account, saying it was a false-flag operation and that former al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden, also of Saudi origin, was just a bogeyman for the US military-industrial complex.

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