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US-Condolence

OVER 600 PEOPLE SIGNED CONDOLENCE BOOK, SAYS US EMBASSY

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 21 (Bernama) -- The US Embassy here said today that over 600 people signed its condolence book commemorating the victims of the Sept 11 terrorist attacks in the United States.

The embassy also received over 300 donations of flowers, cards and personal letters, and over 400 e-mail and telephone calls expressing the sympathy of people who have been affected by the tragic events.

"The American community has been greatly comforted by the kind words and sympathetic actions of so many people in Malaysia," the embassy said in a statement.

It said it would send the messages to Washington to be shared with US citizens.

"The embassy would also like to extend its deepest sympathy and condolences to all of the families around the world who have lost their family members, friends and colleagues in this terrible tragedy that claimed the lives of the citizens of at least 63 nations, including Malaysia," it said.

The condolence book was available for public signing from Sept 13 until today.

Those who signed included Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar, Works Minister Datuk Seri S.Samy Vellu, and opposition leaders from the DAP, PAS, Parti Keadilan Nasional and Parti Rakyat Malaysia.

Thousands perished in the attacks when two hijacked commercial aircraft rammed into the World Trade Centre in New York while another slammed into the Pentagon complex in Washington.

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