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Why is this happenings?

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IT may have happened a thousand miles away - two planes crashing into the World Trade Centre, another plane slamming into The Pentagon ... but Malaysians too are feeling the "tremors".

Officials have confirmed this to be a coordinated terrorist attack on America.

At Press time, 200 firefighters are feared dead as are 79 New York police officers and thousands of civilians.

In Malaysia, the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange suspended trading. Our Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad too has also postponed his official visits to Europe and Russia.

Due to a bomb scare, the Petronas Twin Towers were evacuated, causing massive traffic jams in the city centre.

As this day of infamy goes down into the world's history annals, YQ goes to the streets and finds out what young Malaysians have to say.

"As a Muslim, it is really upsetting to know that Muslim terrorists are behind these acts. Not only are they (the terrorists) giving the Muslim community a bad name, they are misrepresenting Islam.

"Islam is totally against terrorism. They are giving the Muslim community a bad name. It's shocking news to hear and I'm really sad for the Americans." - Syahirah Syed Tamin, 19, Petaling Jaya