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'9/11 not work of terrorists'

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THEORIES: The attack was premeditated, claim speakers at conference

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THERE is overwhelming evidence to show that the 9/11 attacks on the United States were pre-planned and not carried out by terrorists, a panel of foreign speakers, including several Americans and a former US congresswoman, claimed.

The speakers narrated their theories at a one-day conference titled "9/11 revisited: Seeking the truth", organised by the Perdana Global Peace Foundation at the Putra World Trade Centre here yesterday.

Former United States Congress-

woman Cynthia McKinney claimed that the then US President George W. Bush had prior knowledge of 9/11.

"I was in the Congress back then and when I questioned those in charge about the incident after it had happened, I was looked upon like a 'political pariah'.

"My protests against Israeli interference in US politics and the general events that unfolded following 9/11 ultimately resulted in me being ousted from Congress," she said.

McKinney said Bush's subsequent retaliation to attack Afghanistan and Iraq on the pretext of conducting the "war on terror", was merely to divert public attention from the aftermath of 9/11.

Also in the panel was journalist and film producer James Corbett, who pointed out that there were many discrepancies between eyewitness accounts of the tragedy and the 9/11 Commission Report.

Corbett alleged that Donald Rumsfeld, who was the then US secretary of defence, also had prior knowledge of the attacks, includ-

ing the crashing of American Airlines Flight 77 into the Pentagon.

"While President Bush was away in Florida when the attack unfolded, Rumsfeld was second in command and could have scrambled an action plan to prevent further calamity.

"However, there is enough evidence to show how he knew of the impending attacks, but did nothing to stop them," said Corbett.

He played brief clips of interviews with the then US secretary of transport Norman Mineta, who disputed Rumsfeld's timeline of the latter's presence in the Pentagon building.

Norman was in the building with Rumsfeld during the attacks and had stuck to his guns on many interviews.

Corbett also put up the case of the US\$2.3 trillion (RM6.9 trillion) missing from the Pentagon — the explanation to which is yet to be produced by those responsible until today.

Another panellist, Richard Gage, an architect and the founder of Architects and Engineers for 9/11

Truth, seconded Corbett's claims.

He cited the manner in which the two World Trade Center towers and the neighbouring WTC 7, collapsed.

"The manner these three buildings came down, bears the features of controlled demolition.

"That includes the symmetrical straight down manner of collapse and the ensuing rapid onset of destruction."

Gage added that there was no way that fire, even when fuelled by jet fuel, could have melted steel and concrete at the speed which brought the buildings down.

He said even more perplexing was the fall of WTC 7, which was not hit by an airplane, but fell like a deck of cards.

Gage claimed that there were thousands of records on Pentagon placed inside the particular building and its collapse may have been a way for the US government to cover-up the missing trillions.

"Firefighters on the scene reportedly heard or witnessed explosions prior to the collapse, but none of that was included in the final report."



Malaysians who want to show their support for the Palestinians in the unjust war in Gaza are invited to go to Dewan Merdeka PWTC today at 8am. Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad will address the gathering organised by the Perdana Global Peace Foundation

Among the other speakers at the forum were Tan Sri Mohd Azumi Mohamed (retired army chief), Suhakam chairman Tan Sri Hasmy Agam and Professor Michael Chosudovsky, Professor of Economics at the University of Ottawa.