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Dr M: Arabs incapable of conducting 9/11 attacks

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KUALA LUMPUR: Arabs lack the discipline and organisational skills needed to plan and carry out detailed attacks such as the Sept 11 tragedy, former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said yesterday.

Questioning the authenticity of the official story on the tragedy which shook the world, Mahathir said the "9/11" attacks involved "very complex elements which needed detailed planning, precise timings and disciplined execution" that he feels Arabs lack.

"I can imagine trained operatives like those in the Central Intelligence Agency (USA) or Mossad (Israel) planning and executing this complex operation, but I cannot imagine an Arab like Osama bin Laden planning and directing this sophisticated aerial attacks from some remote place in Afghanistan," he said.

Mahathir was speaking at the one-day International Conference on "9/11 Revisited: Seeking the Truth" organised by the Perdana Global Peace Foundation.

"The official explanation for the destruction of the World Trade

Centre twin towers is still about an attack by suicidal Muslim extremists.

"But even among Americans this explanation is beginning to wear thin and being questioned," he said.

Among experts and academics seeking the 'real story' behind the tragedy is architect Richard Gage, founder of Architects and Engineers

for 9/11 Truth.

"To date, there are 1,500 architects and engineers who believe there is direct evidence of explosive destruction used in controlled demolition of buildings, as they collapsed within seconds.

"Molten steel also indicates extremely high temperatures which could not have been caused by fire or jet fuel from the planes," Gage said.

Economist Prof Michel Chossudovsky said 9/11 has always been the pretext and trigger for the United States-led "global war on terror and subsequent

declarations of war on several countries".

"People never questioned this because they were so emotionally affected by the massive loss of life that day," he said.

Chossudovsky said this was not about a war between religions, but rather one of economic conquest.

"Around 65% to 70% of global oil and gas reserves are located in Islamic countries.

"9/11 was the pretext used for the demonisation of Muslims and creation of Islamophobia, and subsequently the declarations of war on Afghanistan and Iraq," he said.

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