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The Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI) has translated an *Al-Hayat* [article](#) that claims the U.S. government “planned and carried out” the terrorist attacks of [9/11](#).

Al-Hayat, based in London, is [owned](#) by Saudi Prince Khalid bin Sultan – a member of the Saudi royal family. The MEMRI-translated article was originally published on April 28, under the byline of “Saudi legal expert” Katib Al-Shammari.

Among other diatribes, Al-Shammari mocks Congress for introducing the [Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act](#) (JASTA). The



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U.S. Senate passed JASTA on May 17, and the bill is now under review by the House Judiciary Committee.

While Al-Shammari does not directly reference the classified 28 pages of the 9/11 Commission Report – which may implicate [Saudi Arabia](#) for 9/11 – the Obama administration is currently under pressure to declassify them. A final decision on the matter is expected by June.

Americans remain divided over who they believe is responsible for the 9/11 attacks, and Al-Shammari is advancing a controversial, yet ongoing belief among people across the world. It is unclear if the Saudi royal family sanctioned Al-Shammari's article – though the kingdom recently [threatened](#) to sell \$750 billion in U.S. assets if Congress passes JASTA.

With the fifteenth anniversary of 9/11 approaching, the victims' families and many Americans have lingering questions about the events of that day. As a first step, we need to answer those questions by declassifying the 28 pages of the 9/11 Commission Report.

From there, [this explosive report](#) from the *New York Post* needs to be transparently addressed by the U.S. government – and true justice needs to be served. It is the only way forward for our nation and our people.

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