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In Commemoration of the 23rd Anniversary of the September 11 Attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon

On the 23rd Anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC) and its global affiliates join in solemn observance, commemorating the lives lost and the enduring impact of this tragic event. The attacks on the World Trade Center, Pentagon, and Pennsylvania crash site resulted in nearly 3,000 fatalities and countless injuries, leaving an indelible mark on the collective consciousness of the United States and the world. As we reflect on this Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance, we honor the heroism displayed by first responders and civilians alike while reaffirming our commitment to the principles of **unity, patriotism, and service** that emerged in the aftermath of the attacks. The IDC unequivocally condemns these acts of terrorism as inhumane and unjustifiable, recognizing the profound impact they had on global security and international relations. As we commemorate this somber occasion, we are reminded of the resilience of the human spirit and the importance of standing united in the face of adversity.



	FACT CARD: September 11 attacks – War on Terror Coordinated Islamist suicide terrorist attacks in 2001
<p>Date and Time Locations Perpetrators</p> 	<p>September 11, 2001, from 8:46 a.m. to 10:03 a.m. EDT World Trade Center, New York; The Pentagon, Virginia; Stonycreek Township, Pennsylvania al-Qaeda led by Osama bin Laden</p> <p>The attacks killed 2,977 people including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,753 people in New York City • 184 at the Pentagon • 40 in Pennsylvania <p>Among the victims were 343 New York City firefighters, 23 New York City police officers, and 37 Port Authority police officers. The World Trade Center site was later rebuilt, with One World Trade Center (<i>shown on the left</i>) opening in 2014 and the National September 11 Memorial & Museum established at the site.</p>

The White House announced that **President Biden** and **Vice President Harris** will jointly commemorate the 23rd anniversary of 9/11 at the attack sites in New York, Pennsylvania, and the Pentagon. *Press Secretary Jean-Pierre* emphasized their unified tribute to the victims and first responders, highlighting the nation's enduring commitment to honor those affected by the tragedy.

“Our hearts ache for the innocent lives lost and the families forever changed by these senseless acts of terror as we stand united in our unwavering commitment to peace and compassion. In the face of such tragedy, we at the **IDC** are inspired by the resilience of the human spirit and the outpouring of support from first responders and communities worldwide, reminding us of the enduring power of love and unity in the darkest of times.”

- Dr. Nicole Bissessar, Director of Community Cultural Affairs, Indian Diaspora Council

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Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC), established in 1997, is an international non-profit organization with global affiliates and membership in 21 countries with the objective to embrace, engage, and enhance the shared heritage, aspirations, and interests of persons of Indian origin with optimum inclusivity.