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## Don't Let Iranian Prez Tour Hallowed Ground in New York

Sept 19, 2007 – New York Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly <u>announced today</u> that the city government was "in discussions" to escort Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad on a tour of Ground Zero next week when he comes to New York for the United Nations General Assembly.

This shocking announcement should send ripples of disgust throughout America.

A visit by the Iranian president to the hallowed ground where nearly 3,000 people perished in the cowardly attacks, will give Ahmadinejad "bragging rights" among his terrorist friends.

Imagine the pictures and TV images being played in Iranian Revolutionary Guards barracks, on Iranian state-run television, or on Al Jazeera.

Here is the man who has openly stated that his goal is to "destroy America" and to "wipe Israel off the face of the map," getting photographed at the grave site of the innocent.

The message Ahmadinejad intends to send is crystal clear: Watch out, America. This is only the beginning/

Mayor Bloomberg and Commissioner Kelly: Do not be tricked by the soothing promises of Iranian regime publicity agents. There is not an ounce of reconciliation in this gesture. This is an obscenity you simply cannot allow to happen.

A visit by Ahmadinejad to Ground Zero is an unconscionable outrage to the memories of our dead.

The Foundation for Democracy in Iran calls on all Americans of good conscience, whatever their background or political beliefs, to call, fax, or email Mayor Bloomberg's office and Just Say No!

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