

I. READING

1.1. Read and translate the text *Terrorist Attacks in the 21st Century* [22] Terrorist Attacks in the 21st Century

The September 11 attacks were a series of four suicide attacks that were committed in the United States on September 11, 2001, coordinated to strike the areas of New York City and Washington, D.C. On that Tuesday morning, 19 terrorists from the Islamist militant group al-Qaeda (are designated as terrorist according to the Law of the Russian Federation) hijacked four passenger jets. The hijackers intentionally piloted two of those planes, American Airlines Flight 11 and United Airlines Flight 175, into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center complex in New York City; both towers collapsed within two hours.

Nearly 3,000 people died in the attacks including the 227 civilians and 19 hijackers aboard the four planes, none of whom survived.

The destruction of the Twin Towers caused serious damage to the economy of Lower Manhattan and had a significant impact on global markets.

Numerous memorials were constructed, including the National September 11 Memorial & Museum in New York, the Pentagon Memorial, and the Flight 93 National Memorial in Pennsylvania.

After being attacked, the Bush's administration has announced about the beginning of the «War against terrorism», as the objectives of which the capture of Bin Laden and other leaders of «al-Qaeda» (are designated as terrorist according to the Law of the Russian Federation) were reported, so that they appear before the American court as well as resistance of activity the other terrorist organizations. It is expected that these goals can be achieved with the help of economic and military sanctions against states, concealing terrorists, and also with the help of an intelligence service and global monitoring.

1.2. Study the meaning of words and word combinations:

- militant– воинственный
- jet – реактивный самолёт
- intentionally – умышленно
- Twin Towers– башни-близнецы

- to collapse – разрушаться, обваливаться
- to survive – выживать
- damage – ущерб, вред
- justice – правосудие
- resistance – противодействие
- intelligence service – разведка

1.3. Answer the following questions:

1. How many terrorists hijacked passenger jets?
2. What were destroyed by this attack?
3. Which measures were chosen by American government against terrorism?

1.4. Mark the true statements with T and false ones with F:

1. Nearly 2,000 people died in the September 11 attacks.
2. Terrorists hijacked four passenger jets.
3. The Pentagon was destroyed by this attack.
4. Two terrorists survived and one was injured.
5. Al- Qaeda is the Islamist militant group.

1.5. Read and translate an interview with Charles Hall, (Professor of University of Memphis, Tennessee) [23]

I: What are the major events in the history of terrorism in the UK and the USA?

Ch. H.: We have long forgotten the mutual acts of terrorism that the early European Americans and Native Americans committed on each other. Likewise, we barely remember the horrors of the Civil Rights Movements when African-Americans and other Americans were lynched by mobs and their churches bombed.

Speaking about 21st century and the USA, until September 11, for most Americans, there weren't any really important acts of terrorism on American soil.

I: Why wasn't the USA ready to face these drastic terrorist attacks?

Ch. H.: We completely and sincerely believed the "homeland" safe and secure.

I: What are the top priority measures to combat international terrorism?

Ch. H.: Education and cooperation.

Study the meaning of words and word combinations:

likewise— подобно, так же

horror— ужас, страх

to lynch – расправляться самосудом

church – церковь

soil – почва, земля

homeland – родина

drastic –радикальный