
US Bill Allowing 9/11 Victims to Sue Riyadh Threatens Global Stability

14/09/2016



Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Iyad Ameen Madani said that US bill that would allow terror victims of the 9/11 attacks to sue Saudi Arabia disrupts international relations and threatens to plunge the world economy into a depression.

MOSCOW (Sputnik) — An US bill that would allow terror victims of the 9/11 attacks to sue Saudi Arabia is "ill-advised" and threatens global stability, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) said Wednesday citing the the head of the organization.

The Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act (JASTA), approved by the US Congress last week, would override current Saudi claims to sovereign immunity, allowing families of September 11 terrorist attack victims to bring a long-standing federal court case against the Saudi government for allegedly sponsoring the 2001 attacks. US President Barack Obama announced plans to veto the bill.

"[Secretary-General Iyad Ameen] Madani said that in passing the Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act, or JASTA, Congress disrupts international relations, threatens to plunge the world economy into a depression, weakens the necessary alliances that promote peace and security around the world, and compromises the war on terrorism," the OIC's statement read.

The OIC chief warned that if the JASTA became law, it would remove the benefits of "centuries-old" laws and international norms that promote the comity of nations, as well as would plunge the world into chaos if other nations passed reciprocal laws.

According to the statement, Madani expressed the hope that "wisdom will prevail," and Congress would reconsider and recall the bill.

Saudi Arabia, which denies responsibility for the 9/11 attacks, strongly opposed to the bill, and said that in case the JASTA was adopted, international law would turn into the "law of the jungle." Riyadh also said it could sell up to \$750 billion worth US securities and assets in response to the adoption of the bill.

