



Sept. 11 commission to assess progress on recommendations

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WASHINGTON (AP) - The commission that investigated missteps leading to the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, plans a report card this summer on how the government has responded to its recommendations.

In eight sessions starting June 6, commissioners will focus on what has happened since the attacks and what more needs to be done, spokesman Adam Klein said Wednesday. The report card is to be released on July 25.

Though the sessions are examining "the unfinished agenda" from the recommendations, Klein said commissioners generally are pleased with by the reaction to their suggestions.

"There's been a historic reform of the intelligence community. Congress is making good progress," he said.

The commission, in its report issued July 22, found that United States could not protect its citizens from the terrorist attacks because it failed to appreciate the threat posed by al-Qaida.

The 10-member, bipartisan commission was established by Congress in 2002. It interviewed more than 1,000 witnesses, including President Bush, and reviewed more than 2 million documents.

Each of the upcoming sessions will focus on a specific aspect of homeland defense, including protection against weapons of mass destruction, border and transportation security measures and foreign policy and diplomatic relations.