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OUR VIEW: It's time for Mohammed, others to stand trial

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The events of Sept. 11, 2001, left a wound that may never completely heal for the United States.

That doesn't mean America and its citizenry shouldn't move on.

A big part of the healing process involves bringing some of those responsible for the horrific act to justice, and it appears that the Obama administration is poised to move in that direction.

Finally.

We don't really care whether alleged mastermind Khalid Sheik Mohammed and four accused henchmen are tried in civilian court or by a military tribunal - so long as they are tried at some point in the foreseeable future.

It's been eight-and-a-half years since the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon were carried out, and Mohammed has been in U.S. custody since March 2003.

That's seven long years that survivors of Sept. 11 and the families and friends of victims have had to endure without the closure provided by a fair trial.

That's far too long, considering the Nuremberg trials got started the year World War II ended and were wrapped up four years later. More recently, Timothy McVeigh was tried, convicted and executed a little more than six years after his 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Building in Oklahoma City.

Whether Mohammed and his four alleged co-conspirators are found guilty and become martyrs for their cause remains to be seen, but that possibility shouldn't deter U.S. officials from moving forward with their prosecution plans.

A trial and possible conviction would send an appropriate message to both those who are still grieving from the attacks as well as those who would consider committing a similar act.

The sooner that happens and we can move on, the better.