

# Abdallah II

## Quotes

*People, Country, Thinking, Israel, Believe, Moving, Years, Responsibility,  
Spring, Hands, Military, Needs, Looks, Views, Kings, Jerusalem, Moving  
Forward, Class, Energy, Hard Work*

It is always dangerous to underestimate anybody.

~Abdallah II

If you believe that the killing of innocent people is right, then you are not part of my future.

~Abdallah II

Together, we can create a world in which peace is real; in which every human being can thrive; in which all share the promise of our century. I believe we can succeed.

~Abdallah II

I'm just very wary that once you start military operations in any country, it's very difficult to predict what the outcome is.

~Abdallah II

We want to be, I think, an example for the rest of the Arab world, because there are a lot of people who say that the only democracy you can have in the Middle East is the Muslim Brotherhood.

~Abdallah II

The security and the future of Jordan is hand-in-hand with the future of the Palestinians and the Israelis.

~Abdallah II

Historic changes and challenges. Breakthroughs in human knowledge and opportunity. And yet, for vast numbers across the globe, the daily realities have not altered.

~Abdallah II

Fifty-seven countries in the world, a third of the United Nations, do not recognize Israel. In a way, I think North Korea has better international relations than Israel.

~Abdallah II

I think the debate in our society now is that people have to agree on zero-tolerance to terrorism.

~Abdallah II

Jerusalem is a time bomb that I fear is just waiting to go off.

~Abdallah II

Earth's dispossessed are vulnerable targets for extremists: those who teach that global justice is meaningless; that satisfaction can come only in violence, division, and intellectual isolation.

~Abdallah II

My view is when you use violence on your people, that never ends well.

~Abdallah II

The monarchy that I hand over to my son is not going to be the same one that I have inherited.

~Abdallah II

There is resistance to change. There's a resistance to ideas.

~Abdallah II

In our view, successful reform is not an event. It is a sustainable process that will build on its own successes - a virtuous cycle of change.

~Abdallah II

We have no right to dictate, through irresponsible action or narrow-mindedness, the future of our children, and our children's children. There has been enough destruction, enough death, enough waste.

~Abdallah II

When there's a status quo, usually what shakes everybody up is some sort of military confrontation, at which point we all come running and screaming to pick up the pieces.

~Abdallah II

I'm not the type of person that is forced.

~Abdallah II

When we try to push the envelope, there are certain sectors of society that say this is a Zionist plot to sort of destabilize our country, or this is an American agenda.

~Abdallah II

Each country its cost analysis is going to be different. So what we are you seeing in Syria, for example, is different than what's going on in Jordan. The maps are being rewritten.

~Abdallah II

I've benefited from the best of both societies and both cultures, East and West.

~Abdallah II

You're always going to have extremists in every religion.

~Abdallah II

Don't take 'no' for an answer.

~Abdallah II

You're always going to have terrorism.

~Abdallah II

Peace with Israel is a strategic imperative for Jordan.

~Abdallah II

I hope that none of the countries in the Middle East are planning anything but the peaceful utilization of nuclear energy.

~Abdallah II

We're never going to be able to get rid of terrorism, because there is always going to be evil in the world.

~Abdallah II

Remember you don't do anything in isolation.

~Abdallah II

If you have a government that is elected, they need to do the hard work - because if they don't, they won't be around the next time the ballot box is open.

~Abdallah II

I believe strongly in the rights of women... my mother is a woman, my sister is a woman, my daughter is a woman, my wife is a woman.

~Abdallah II

Chemical weapons are something that scares everybody.

~Abdallah II

If you look at military and intelligence positions from the 1950s, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict has always been against American national interests.

~Abdallah II

Political development should start at the grassroots.

~Abdallah II

If everybody is happy, then something is wrong with the democratic process.

~Abdallah II

Whenever you have a crisis, you're always going to have the extremists taking advantage of the situation.

~Abdallah II

I don't think the Middle East could afford another war.

~Abdallah II

I like to look at the glass half full.

~Abdallah II

I look at Jerusalem as being a beacon for the three monotheistic religions.

~Abdallah II

What keeps me up at night is poverty and unemployment.

~Abdallah II

I believe nuclear energy in Jordan will be done in such a way where it is a public-private partnership so everyone can see exactly what's going on.

~Abdallah II

I think it's almost impossible for any expert to predict for the rapid changes we see in the Middle East. They are rapid and they will continue for quite a while.

~Abdallah II

The Arab World is writing a new future; the pen is in our own hands.

~Abdallah II

The brave pilot gave his life defending his faith, country and nation and joined other Jordanian martyrs who gave their lives for Jordan.

~Abdallah II

There is a tendency by a lot of officials to hide behind the king. And it's about time that officials take their responsibility and are responsible in front of the people.

~Abdallah II

When you get billions in aid and your weapons resupplied and your ammunition stock resupplied, you don't learn the lesson that war is bad and nobody wins.

~Abdallah II

Our response has been, "Well, let's then make an effort to get the Israelis and the Palestinians to sit around the table." That hasn't happened. So we only have ourselves to blame for this crisis.

~Abdallah II

There are so many different sub-societies inside of Syria.

~Abdallah II

The Arab Spring I think we will look back whether it's two years, five years, ten or fifteen. And say it's a good thing.

~Abdallah II

Is Israel going to continue to be 'Fortress Israel'? Or, as we all hope, become accepted into the neighborhood, which I believe is the only way we can move forward in harmony.

~Abdallah II

No matter what's happening in the Middle East - the Arab Spring, et cetera, the economic challenges, high rates of unemployment - the emotional, critical issue is always the Israeli-Palestinian one.

~Abdallah II

I'm easily entertained.

~Abdallah II

Wikileaks didn't help confidence with American administrations because of conversations made public so easily.

~Abdallah II

At the end of the day we want to bring stability and hope to Iraq. That's the only way to defeat terrorism.

~Abdallah II

We have to always hope in humanity that people will make the right choices.

~Abdallah II

The incentive that you give to your youth is going to be the make-or-break future of the country.

~Abdallah II



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