

# Bashar al-Assad

## Quotes

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No government in the world kills its people, unless it's led by a crazy person.

~Bashar al-Assad

The captain doesn't think about death, or life, he thinks about saving his ship.

~Bashar al-Assad

There is no such things as "Islamic terrorism," because terrorism differs from Islam. There's just terrorism, not Islamic terrorism. But the term "Islamic terrorism" has become widespread.

~Bashar al-Assad

Circumstances don't matter, only my state of being matters. What state of being are you choosing?

~Bashar al-Assad

Whenever you have a war, the civilians and the innocents will pay the price. That's in any war, any war is a bad war.

~Bashar al-Assad

It's a dangerous thing when someone gets up in the morning and has nothing to eat.

~Bashar al-Assad

Sometimes you may kill tens of thousands or hundreds of thousands with very primitive armaments.

~Bashar al-Assad

The only one who can fight for these values like democracy and freedoms are the people of any country or any society, not the foreigners.

~Bashar al-Assad

[Chemical weapons] isn't about what the United States believe in, it's about the reality that we have, and this reality, we own it, we don't have to discuss it.

~Bashar al-Assad

I believe that the United States is not genuine regarding having a cessation of violence in Syria.

~Bashar al-Assad

I don't want to talk about methods of killing. But what is the difference between a bomb worn on the body and one dropped from an airplane? Both of them kill people.

~Bashar al-Assad

[Enemies of Syria] are the enemies of the people and the enemies of God. And the enemies of God will go to hell.

~Bashar al-Assad

Worry does not mean fear, but readiness for the confrontation.

~Bashar al-Assad

The fact that there are people who criticize me doesn't mean that people hate me.

~Bashar al-Assad

We're not like the American administration, we're not social media administration or government. We are a government that deals with reality. When we have evidence, we'll announce it.

~Bashar al-Assad

Since its very inception, Israel has been a threat.

~Bashar al-Assad

[The Jews] tried to kill the principles of all religions with the same

mentality in which they betrayed Jesus Christ and the same way they tried to betray and kill the Prophet Muhammad.

~Bashar al-Assad

There can be no peace without unity.

~Bashar al-Assad

The problem is not the occupation, but how people deal with it.

~Bashar al-Assad

Many people do not understand the difference between peace and a peace treaty. If you want to have real peace with normal relations between people, you need to have comprehensive peace.

~Bashar al-Assad

It's not exactly fair to make a mistake yourself and then start blaming others for it.

~Bashar al-Assad

It's our right to defend our country against any kind of invasion.

~Bashar al-Assad

When you use an armament, you use it to defend the civilians. You kill terrorists in order to defend civilians. That's the natural role of any army in the world.

~Bashar al-Assad

It should be known that Israel is based on treachery.

~Bashar al-Assad

The United States' credibility is at an all-time low. So, this war is against the interest of the United States.

~Bashar al-Assad

I am Syrian, I was made in Syria, I have to live in Syria and die in Syria.

~Bashar al-Assad

The problem with the West is that they start with political reform going towards democracy.

~Bashar al-Assad

A bomb is a bomb, what's the difference between different kinds of bombs? All bombs are to kill, but it's about how to use it.

~Bashar al-Assad

I don't believe in war, I believe in the principle of deterrence.

~Bashar al-Assad

Despite the ethnic diversity within each nation, the social fabric of the region by and large is one.

~Bashar al-Assad

When our interests matched, the Americans have been good to us, and when the interests differed, they wanted us to mold ourselves to them, which we refused.

~Bashar al-Assad

But for us, in Syria, we have principles. We'll do anything to prevent the region from another crazy war. It's not only Syria. Because it will start in Syria.

~Bashar al-Assad

In any war, people will pay the price.

~Bashar al-Assad

Opposition doesn't mean to take arms and kill people and destroy everything.

~Bashar al-Assad

I think sadness prevails in Syria now. We don't feel anything else but sadness because we have this killing every day, whether with chemical or any other kind.

~Bashar al-Assad

When you have terrorists, you don't throw at them balloons or you don't use rubber sticks, for example. You have to use armaments.

~Bashar al-Assad

Did the President order anyone to kill civilians, did he order the destruction, did he order supporting terrorism in his country? Of course not.

~Bashar al-Assad

You cannot talk about winning the war as long as there's killing and destruction on daily basis.

~Bashar al-Assad

Under Syrian law, a journalist is not allowed to report on military matters. This may be wrong or right, but that's just the way it is.

~Bashar al-Assad

Syria is geographically and politically in the middle of the Middle East. That is why we are in contact with most of the problems forever, let us say, whether directly or indirectly.

~Bashar al-Assad

From the first day I took the decision as President to defend my country.

~Bashar al-Assad

If you want to talk about mistakes, every country has mistakes, every

government has mistakes, every person has mistakes. When you have a war, you have more mistakes. That's the natural thing.

~Bashar al-Assad

They want to criticize you, let them criticize and do not worry. Just be transparent with your people and tell them this is the reality.

~Bashar al-Assad

If you ask Americans whether they've been successful at sealing the border with Mexico, they'll tell you that it's a very difficult proposition.

~Bashar al-Assad

I cannot afford to make mistakes.

~Bashar al-Assad

Lebanon was under Israeli occupation, up to its capital, but we did not consider that a disaster. Why? Because it was very clear that there are ways to resist.

~Bashar al-Assad

America is interested in re-arranging the region as it sees fit.

~Bashar al-Assad

We are fully free, not partially, fully free, in everything related to the future of Syria.

~Bashar al-Assad

Simply naming objectives isn't sufficient for a vision. If I say that I'm going to build a large palace, but I don't have any money to do so, then that is not a vision - it's an illusion.

~Bashar al-Assad

Almost all countries have natural dividing lines, and when ethnic and religious partition occurs in one country, it'll soon happen elsewhere.

~Bashar al-Assad

Without the public support, we cannot withstand two years and a half. Look at the other countries, look what happened in Libya, in Tunisia and in Egypt.

~Bashar al-Assad

This is the Middle East, where every week you have something new; so whatever you talk about this week will not be valuable next week.

~Bashar al-Assad

Think of the war against terrorism. In my view, Washington's approach can be compared to a doctor constantly banging away at a tumor instead of removing it surgically.

~Bashar al-Assad

None of us and none of the Arabs trust Israel.

~Bashar al-Assad

The Russians are fighting for us, for the world, and for their self.

~Bashar al-Assad

I've never heard of soft war. There's no soft war. War is war. Any war is ruthless. When you fight terrorists, you fight them like any other war.

~Bashar al-Assad

The army is made of the people ; it cannot be made of robots.

~Bashar al-Assad

Conversely, it is correct to say that bringing about peace would be the best way to fight terror.

~Bashar al-Assad

We are dealing with treachery and threats, which accompanied the



establishment of Israel.

~Bashar al-Assad

Iran doesn't have any soldier in Syria, so how could Iran help me ?

~Bashar al-Assad

The logical thing is to implement the Arab Defense Agreement.

~Bashar al-Assad

Look at the results of regime change in Iraq. You can't possibly claim that it was successful.

~Bashar al-Assad

History teaches us that nobody can prevent a resistance group from arming when it has the support of the people.

~Bashar al-Assad

Every country has criminals who have to be fought. They can exist anywhere, including the government or the army - or outside the government and army.

~Bashar al-Assad

When you're in the middle of a storm, leaving your country just because you have to leave without any reasonable reason, it means you're quitting your country and this is treason.

~Bashar al-Assad

The most significant indicator that there is no disaster in Iraq is the fact that there is no exodus.

~Bashar al-Assad

The U.S. and Britain are incapable of controlling all of Iraq.

~Bashar al-Assad

It would be a mistake to link anything that Israel does to a certain circumstance. And it is a mistake to feel comfortable in any circumstance just because Israel did not act on it.

~Bashar al-Assad

Israel does not care about the international public opinion.

~Bashar al-Assad

You in Lebanon, your power is no match to Israel. Israel, militarily, is more powerful than you and maybe it is more powerful than all the Arab countries, or most of them.

~Bashar al-Assad

At the end, I said [chemical weapons] is something not to be discussed with anyone.

~Bashar al-Assad

I don't believe the United States will be ready to join Russia in fighting terrorists in Syria.

~Bashar al-Assad

[ Jihadists] are going to be against you sooner or later.

~Bashar al-Assad

You can forge anything these days, and we're living in a fake news era.

~Bashar al-Assad

Today, the Iraqi citizen sees that America is coming and wants to occupy his country and kill him, and he is willing to experience for himself what happened in Palestine.

~Bashar al-Assad

Our democracy should reflect our culture and our habits and our

customs and our reality at the same time.

~Bashar al-Assad

No doubt that the U.S. is a super-power capable of conquering a relatively small country, but is it able to control it?

~Bashar al-Assad

First of all, when you have a doctor who cut the leg to prevent the patient from the gangrene if you have to, we don't call butcher ; you call him a doctor, and thank you for saving the lives.

~Bashar al-Assad

When we analyze this war in a materialistic way and ask when is it going to end and who will be the winner and the loser, it means that we do not see the endgame.

~Bashar al-Assad

But the issue has to do with land, which is our land.

~Bashar al-Assad

As far as we are concerned, we Syria have not changed.

~Bashar al-Assad

When Lebanon started its resistance it was a small and divided country.

~Bashar al-Assad

Is there an equality of power between America and Iraq? Definitely not; however, the Iraqi people are standing fast and are defending their land courageously.

~Bashar al-Assad

Hizbullah is not a militia.

~Bashar al-Assad

Anyone who's not military knows this fact. Why do you use chemical weapons while you're advancing ?

~Bashar al-Assad

Hamas will not disappear. Hamas will not raise the white flag. Hamas has the trust of the people, and anyone who wishes to destroy it must destroy an entire people.

~Bashar al-Assad

It is even more so when it comes to Iraq, which is a large Arab country with scientific, material, and human resources and is able to accomplish, at the least, what Lebanon accomplished, and more.

~Bashar al-Assad

We believe that Lebanon has been the first real experience for all the Arabs.

~Bashar al-Assad

"Winning" is a subjective word, but we are making advancement. This is the correct word, because winning for some people is when you finish completely.

~Bashar al-Assad

Whatever the American officials said about the conflicts in Syria in general has no credibility. Whatever they say, it's just lies and, let's say, bubbles, has no foundation on the ground.

~Bashar al-Assad

Whether [Turkey] is a NATO country or not, it doesn't have the right to invade any other country according to the international law or to any other moral value.

~Bashar al-Assad

We didn't say that 80% [of terrorists], for example, or the majority or the

vast majority, are foreigners. We said the vast majority are Al-Qaeda or Al-Qaeda offshoot organizations in this region.

~Bashar al-Assad

You want me to believe American evidence and don't want me to believe the indications that we have. We live here, this is our reality.

~Bashar al-Assad

We've been dealing with this kind of terrorism since the fifties, since the Muslim Brotherhood came to Syria at that time.

~Bashar al-Assad

Any cooperation that doesn't go through the Syrian government is not legal. If it's not legal, we cannot cooperate with, and we don't recognize and we don't accept.

~Bashar al-Assad

Any strike will be as direct support to Al-Qaeda offshoot that's called Jabhat al-Nusra and the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria. You're right about this. It's going to be direct support.

~Bashar al-Assad

Syria is geographically and politically in the middle of the Middle East.

~Bashar al-Assad

Israeli interests are not necessarily in harmony with the American interests.

~Bashar al-Assad

Those who arrived on America's tanks are not credible in Iraq.

~Bashar al-Assad

This is reality. If [the American officials] want to believe, that's good, that will help them understand the region and be more successful in

their policies.

~Bashar al-Assad

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