

Jalal Talabani

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The Kurdish people have the right of self-determination like every other nation in the world.

~Jalal Talabani

The Kurdish people welcome the no-fly zone protection, contrary to the Iraqi regime that is against it.

~Jalal Talabani

Our gratitude to the American people is immense and we should never be embarrassed to express it.

~Jalal Talabani

A military coup needs a sacrifice and courage that you can't find in an army without morale.

~Jalal Talabani

Justice for the major perpetrators cannot be separated from the vindication of the rights of the individual victim.

~Jalal Talabani

Wishful thinking is one thing, and reality another.

~Jalal Talabani

Trust is for lovers. In politics there are only converging interests.

~Jalal Talabani

The justice of our cause must be reflected in the manner in which we rectify the crimes of the past.

~Jalal Talabani

Democracies, unlike dictatorships, are forgiving and generous, but they cannot survive unless they fight.

~Jalal Talabani

My door will always be open to those who genuinely renounce violence and seek peaceful accommodation into our nascent democracy.

~Jalal Talabani

Conciliation is not capitulation, nor is compromise to be deemed equivalent to imbalanced concession.

~Jalal Talabani

Military confrontation is not a suitable alternative in confronting terror and current security threats.

~Jalal Talabani

As president of Iraq, I shall strive to represent the diversity of a country that has too often in the past denied difference.

~Jalal Talabani

I must tell you that I am committed, as the president of Iraq, to benchmarks and to do our best to achieve some progress forward for national reconciliation.

~Jalal Talabani

The brutal regime of the dictator fell, the regime that ruled Iraq for decades, the decades of darkness. The decades that were of tyranny.

~Jalal Talabani

Self-determination could mean independence, confederacy, federal and autonomy.

~Jalal Talabani

I voted 'yes' and I urge all Iraqis, no matter their different ethnicities and religions ... to vote 'yes' to the constitution

~Jalal Talabani

To move any regime you need to have co-operation and co-ordination

between Kurds, Shia Arabs, Sunni Arabs, the people and the army. Until we have this we cannot change the regime.

~Jalal Talabani

Human rights and individual liberties, including religious freedom, will be at the heart of the new Iraq.

~Jalal Talabani

We must acknowledge that for scores of years the Iraqis have offered martyrs and victims but have not been able to change the regime.

~Jalal Talabani

The Western governments will be encouraged and persuaded to deal with the real representatives and listen to the real voice of the Kurdish people.

~Jalal Talabani

We are trying to persuade all the Iraqi opposition to come breathe freedom in Iraq and use liberated Kurdistan as a base for our common struggle.

~Jalal Talabani

We must provide all kinds of freedom, personal and economic, to all Iraqis. I will fight for that.

~Jalal Talabani

Iraq is not occupied, but there are foreign forces on its soil, which is different.

~Jalal Talabani

I believe the democratic transformation in Iraq will lead to change in Middle East.

~Jalal Talabani

Our plan is to struggle against terrorism and have security for the country and help draft a democratic constitution as soon as possible.

~Jalal Talabani

Rather, it is through conciliation and compromise that we are building a fair Iraq, a just state for all its peoples.

~Jalal Talabani

All I wanted was to be a university teacher.

~Jalal Talabani

I shall stand for freedom of thought and expression in a place where it has been trampled and penalized.

~Jalal Talabani

Talabani and Al-Maliki want to keep their seats for ever. Talabani forgets that the side which brought him to power was the United States and it brought him by rigging the elections.

~Jalal Talabani

Every human must take responsibility for his actions.

~Jalal Talabani

A greater international role is important to lift some of the burden from the shoulders of the United States.

~Jalal Talabani

It is the American air protection, which safeguards the freedom enjoyed by the Kurdish region. It guarantees the cultural, health and civilizational progress made in Iraqi Kurdistan.

~Jalal Talabani

There is a kind of sympathy with the Americans who are looked upon as liberators.

~Jalal Talabani

Iraq is not going to starve to death because of the absence of assistance from Arab countries.

~Jalal Talabani

No for the return of Saddam's Baath party. This is against the constitution and those who are negotiating to bring them back are violating the constitution.

~Jalal Talabani

It was an agreement between Saddam (Hussein) and the shah of Iran and not between Iraq and Iran.

~Jalal Talabani

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