

Mikhail Kalashnikov

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Things that are complex are not useful, Things that are useful are simple.

~Mikhail Kalashnikov

I would prefer to have invented a machine that people could use and that would help farmers with their work - for example a lawnmower.

~Mikhail Kalashnikov

I created a weapon to defend the borders of my motherland. It's not my fault that it's being used where it shouldn't be. The politicians are more to blame for this.

~Mikhail Kalashnikov

I wanted to invent an engine that could run for ever. I could have developed a new train, had I stayed in the railway. It would have looked like the AK-47 though.

~Mikhail Kalashnikov

Before attempting to create something new, it is vital to have a good appreciation of everything that already exists in this field.

~Mikhail Kalashnikov

I had to gain experience as I did not have a technical education.

~Mikhail Kalashnikov

The fact that people die because of an AK-47 is not because of the designer, but because of politics.

~Mikhail Kalashnikov

When I see Bin Laden with his AK-47, I got nervous. But what can I do, terrorists aren't fools: they too chose the most reliable guns.

~Mikhail Kalashnikov

I sleep well. It's the politicians who are to blame for failing to come to an

agreement and resorting to violence.

~Mikhail Kalashnikov

It is painful for me to see when criminal elements of all kinds fire from my weapon.

~Mikhail Kalashnikov

My work is my life, and my life is my work. I invented this assault rifle to defend my country. Today, I am proud that it has become for many synonymous with liberty.

~Mikhail Kalashnikov

I'm proud of my invention, but I'm sad that it is used by terrorists.

~Mikhail Kalashnikov

I am still ready to shake hands with anyone who designs a better assault rifle than mine.

~Mikhail Kalashnikov

I was trying to perform as best as possible. I was a boy at the time, but worked well with the sickle.

~Mikhail Kalashnikov

I tried a dozen different modifications that were rejected. But they all served as a path to the final design.

~Mikhail Kalashnikov

I have continued to work at different things, and rebuilt my home all by myself. I did it for the sake of satisfaction at doing something. I did it because I happened to be where I was.

~Mikhail Kalashnikov

Life can make you do many things, even kiss a man with a runny nose.

~Mikhail Kalashnikov

I was probably born with some designing abilities.

~Mikhail Kalashnikov

It is the Germans who are responsible for the fact that I became a fabricator of arms. If not for them, I would have constructed agricultural machines.

~Mikhail Kalashnikov

The AK-47 is not a device of aggression ... I devised this machine-gun for the security of my country.

~Mikhail Kalashnikov

Terrorists also want to use simple and reliable arms.

~Mikhail Kalashnikov

Then it was like a genie out of the bottle and it began to walk all on its own and in directions I did not want.

~Mikhail Kalashnikov

Man keeps inventing things all the time.

~Mikhail Kalashnikov

Life is composed of different inventions.

~Mikhail Kalashnikov

I've always wanted to improve and expand on the good name of my weapon by doing good things.

~Mikhail Kalashnikov

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