

Mohamed ElBaradei

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The Nobel Peace Prize is a powerful message. A durable peace is not a single achievement, but an environment, a process and a commitment.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

I think one country with nuclear weapons is one country too many.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

America is always a good target for a populist. In many countries, particularly authoritarian systems, if you want to get an extra bonus, you bash the Americans.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

Democracy is not an instant coffee.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

As long as some of us choose to rely on nuclear weapons, we continue to risk that these same weapons will become increasingly attractive to others.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

Democracy is more than a ballot box.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

If the world does not change course, we risk self-destruction.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

The gravest threat faced by the world is of an extremist group getting hold of nuclear weapons or materials.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

The dream of democracy has long been enshrined in the hearts of the Egyptian people. It only needed awakening.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

The Egyptians have grown in confidence, they've tasted freedom, and there's no way back.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

Challenging the integrity of the non-proliferation regime is a matter which can affect international peace and security.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

We know North Korea has the plutonium that can go into the bomb.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

Well, I think we still have to verify whatever declaration we will get and make sure that it is comprehensive and accurate. So, that would take care of the past activities.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

I hope everybody will go back to the negotiating table. I've always said this is the only way forward.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

Nobody wants any country to have nuclear weapons.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

We still live in a world where if you have nuclear weapons, you are buying power; you are buying insurance against attack.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

I feel relieved that we discovered that Iraq did not have nuclear weapons.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

Libya is a good example of a country that has come to a realization that weapons of mass destruction threaten more than assure, and I hope that will be followed by others.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

As much as we Egyptians treasure our military, acting alone it cannot provide the legitimacy to lay the foundations for democracy.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

It would be, in fact, very ominous if Iraq were to be able to get weapon-usable material, hydro-plutonium or highly enriched uranium from abroad.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

Once in a while, I have to pinch myself to remind myself I am Nobel laureate, but that is not part of my work plan every day.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

You will not really have durable peace without a proper security structure in the Middle East.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

In my view, stability only comes with a government that is elected by the people and works for the people.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

My conscience does not permit me to run for the presidency or any other official position unless it is within a democratic framework.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

If they think they can get anyone who could have better handled the complex and difficult issues surrounding North Korea, Iran and other controversies, they are not understanding the world right now.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

Music gives me a lot of peace, either classic music with its structure or the spontaneity of Miles Davis. It brings the best in you.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

No one should be put on trial without a valid reason. Former President Morsi must be treated with dignity. These are the conditions of national reconciliation.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

You cannot apply your high standards to a country [Egypt] burdened with decades of autocratic rule. Our democracy is still in its infancy.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

The simple fact is that there is a limited amount of water on the planet, and we cannot afford to be negligent in its use. We cannot keep treating it as if it will never run out.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

I'm a lawyer. I go for due process; I go for fairness and equity - these values mean a lot to me.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

How can you run for president if you dont know the job description?

~Mohamed ElBaradei

I grew up in a conservative household. That was the life of the time in Egypt: a conservative, middle-class household.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

Its up to any government to decide how to react to the denial of basic human rights anywhere in the world, including Egypt.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

Barack Obama has injected fresh momentum into efforts - stalled for a decade - to bring about nuclear disarmament.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

Whether weapons exist in Iraq, Saddam Hussein or post-Saddam Hussein, it is a serious enough issue that require that we continue to go and make sure that Iraq does not have weapons.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

Iran has the technology to produce the highly enriched uranium, which is not automatically meaning nuclear weapon.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

I have a lot of interests in global issues, as you know, humanity, inequity, arms control, and I continue to be active on all these issues.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

All I know is, I think I would like to continue to do public service.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

If a huge number of people call for change, the government will have to react. If you want to avoid uprisings, or demonstrations, you need to respond to the peoples desperate need for change.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

I have, as you know, the utmost respect for President Obama as a person.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

Youre shooting yourself in the foot if you isolate or disempower the moderates.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

The sooner we put Egypt on the right track, the sooner we would be able to have an Egypt that is modern, that is moderate, and that is acting as a beacon for freedom and liberty across the Arab world.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

Egypt under Hosni Mubarak had deteriorated to the status of a failed state. We must wipe the slate clean and start again.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

Every country has the right to nuclear technology as long as they use it safely, peacefully and in a secure way.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

The U.S. engages with North Korea, so I don't see why they can't engage with Iran.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

Discipline is part of my professional training as a lawyer.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

I think it is fair to say that it is under a great deal of stress, and if I am asking for significant changes, it is because the world is going through significant changes.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

The time is right for a political solution and the way is negotiations.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

Whether we report Iran to the council or not, I believe the only way forward is through diplomacy.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

If I could have just 1 per cent of the money spent on global armaments, no one in this world would go to bed hungry.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

If you bet on individuals, instead of the people, you are going to fail.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

You either have a civil society or you dont.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

Verification and diplomacy, used in conjunction, can be effective,.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

I worry about a democracy having nuclear weapons as much as a dictatorship having nuclear weapons.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

My father taught me that you have to stand by your principles.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

Managing a country is like managing a company in many ways. It maybe involves more complicated issues, but its the same skills.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

We still have time to negotiate, we still have time for diplomacy, because there are still a number of issues that have not been clarified, that created a lack of confidence.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

The globalization that has swept away the barriers to the movement of goods, ideas and people has also swept with it barriers that confined and localized security threats.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

People talk about smart sanctions and crippling sanctions. Ive never seen smart sanctions, and crippling sanctions cripple everyone, including innocent civilians, and make the government more popular.

~Mohamed ElBaradei

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