

Yitzhak Rabin

Quotes

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We can continue to fight. We can continue to kill - and continue to be killed. But we can also try to put a stop to this never-ending cycle of blood. We can also give peace a chance.

~Yitzhak Rabin

You have got to sit down and talk to people. You can't understand people from a distance.

~Yitzhak Rabin

We walked outside, Ben-Gurion accompanying us. Allon repeated his question, 'What is to be done with the Palestinian population?' Ben-Gurion waved his hand in a gesture which said 'Drive them out!'

~Yitzhak Rabin

We must think differently, look at things in a different way. Peace requires a world of new concepts, new definitions.

~Yitzhak Rabin

We'll fight terror like there's no peace, and make peace like there's no terror.

~Yitzhak Rabin

I believe that in the long run, separation between Israel and the Palestinians is the best solution for resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

~Yitzhak Rabin

If you have the same problem for a long time, maybe it's not a problem. Maybe it's a fact.

~Yitzhak Rabin

Peace is not made with friends. Peace is made with enemies.

~Yitzhak Rabin

Practically the only way to dry the swamp of radical Islam is through economic development and an improved standard of living.

~Yitzhak Rabin

The use of force, including beatings, undoubtedly has brought about the impact we wanted - strengthening the [occupied] population's fear of the Israeli Defense Forces.

~Yitzhak Rabin

For me, Jerusalem was united, will be under Israel sovereignty, will be the capital of Israel and the heart of the Jewish people.

~Yitzhak Rabin

Peace has no borders.

~Yitzhak Rabin

No Arab ruler will consider the peace process seriously so long as he is able to toy with the idea of achieving more by the way of violence.

~Yitzhak Rabin

I don't believe that in the name of the holiness of the city you have to put barbed wires, machine gun nests, mine pins and everything of that, in the name of the holiness of Jerusalem.

~Yitzhak Rabin

Israel has an important principle: It is only Israel that is responsible for our security.

~Yitzhak Rabin

We are ready to compromise. We are ready to take calculated risks, but for a peace that will give us security.

~Yitzhak Rabin

Peace will be victorious.

~Yitzhak Rabin

Peace with Syria would provide more security than a few settlements on the Golan.

~Yitzhak Rabin

Enough of blood and tears. Enough!

~Yitzhak Rabin

I, serial number 30743, Major General Yitzhak Rabin, am a soldier in the army of peace.

~Yitzhak Rabin

You don't make friends with friends. You have got to make friends with your enemies.

~Yitzhak Rabin

Israel is no longer a people that dwells alone, and has to join the global journey toward peace, reconciliation and international cooperation.

~Yitzhak Rabin

A diplomatic peace is not yet the real peace. It is an essential step in the peace process leading towards a real peace.

~Yitzhak Rabin

I am healthy. I wish all my colleagues to the peace process to be healthy.

~Yitzhak Rabin

It is my hope that I could be not just a Prime Minister, but a Prime Minister for Aboriginal affairs, the first I imagine that we've ever had.

~Yitzhak Rabin

We do not celebrate the death of our enemies.

~Yitzhak Rabin

I am 73 years old. I was born in Jerusalem. I'm the first prime minister of Israel to be born here. I am the only former general to become a prime minister.

~Yitzhak Rabin

Military cemeteries in every corner of the world are silent testimony to the failure of national leaders to sanctify human life.

~Yitzhak Rabin

I'll continue to carry out whatever we are committed to. Whatever we believe leads us to a permanent solution the way we want it, the way I want it.

~Yitzhak Rabin

Jerusalem is united, will never be divided again.

~Yitzhak Rabin

We are committed to free access and free practice, to the members of the other two religions, to the holy shrines in Jerusalem. To the Muslims, to the Christians.

~Yitzhak Rabin

In the midst of fighting there is no place for public debate.

~Yitzhak Rabin

Israel's willingness to cooperate closely with the U.S. in protecting American interests in the region altered her image in the eyes of many officials in Washington.

~Yitzhak Rabin

It is not worth the paper it is written on unless it is backed by the kind of force that will make the other side consider the penalties too heavy to

break the agreement.

~Yitzhak Rabin

The negotiations must address all aspects, both peace and withdrawal.

~Yitzhak Rabin

The Government chose to give peace a chance. The Government chose to do something to achieve it.

~Yitzhak Rabin

I would like Israel to be a Jewish state, and therefore not to annex over 2 million Palestinians who live in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip to Israel, which will make Israel a bi-national state.

~Yitzhak Rabin

The struggle to get weapons is continuous, but the United States will aid us, if it finds Israel displaying a willingness for peace.

~Yitzhak Rabin

I believe however that peace is attainable regardless of the Arabs mentality, society or government.

~Yitzhak Rabin

It is the duty of the government to guarantee maximum security, and this is not an easy task.

~Yitzhak Rabin

There is no way of finding the middle ground, even with the best intentions of the world. Our most sensible policy is to stall.

~Yitzhak Rabin

We accept every form or way to talk to the Syrians how to achieve peace.

~Yitzhak Rabin

I admire King Hussein his courage in leading his country for a long time.

~Yitzhak Rabin

We have the right to ensure our security, especially when it is possible to reach agreement on a political solution.

~Yitzhak Rabin

There are two phases of the redeployment of the Israeli forces in the West Bank: One, to allow elections. Second, after the elections, to help further redeployment.

~Yitzhak Rabin

We will not leave the Golan Heights, not even in exchange for a peace treaty. We will be ready for a limited compromise and it does not have to be in territorial terms.

~Yitzhak Rabin

We have to recognize that there is a Palestinian entity, that the PLO and the Palestinian Authority has to run their life.

~Yitzhak Rabin

I considered the prevention of war as the test of our security policy; in addition to being able to rapidly and forcefully end any war forced upon us.

~Yitzhak Rabin

I invite President Assad to come to Jerusalem and to speak with me, with our parliament, with whomever he wants to speak in Israel and in the territories among the Palestinians.

~Yitzhak Rabin

Syria doesn't want to talk with us on a bilateral basis, only under the auspices of the United States.

~Yitzhak Rabin

Vis a vis the Golan Heights, the present government of Israel, under my leadership, is the first government that is ready to speak about a withdrawal.

~Yitzhak Rabin

A couple of things are missing from Indigenous affairs. We tend to go and process, we tend to spend a lot of money for very limited outcomes, and we have got to change that.

~Yitzhak Rabin

One of my theories about why we've been cranky is Australians have been forced to focus on politics or party politics a little bit more than they normally would.

~Yitzhak Rabin

I think the fact that we have been focussing on politics quite a lot and the tumult of politics rather than what we should be doing in terms of policy has made, I think, voters quite grumpy.

~Yitzhak Rabin

What I, as the prime minister of the present government of Israel, started to do, is first to tackle the longest part of the Arab-Israeli conflict, the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

~Yitzhak Rabin

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