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#### Quotable quotes

HOW do we explain the pogroms, the inquisitions and the holocaust that characterised Christian Europe for almost 2,000 years? - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, stressing that terrorism should not be associated with Muslims alone.

WAR solves nothing. War is primitive. Today's war is more primitive than stone age wars - Dr Mahathir on ordinary civilians - women, children and the elderly - being the target of modern wars.

THE roots of terror are misunderstanding, intolerance, hatred, revenge, greed and hopelessness that take control of human hearts. These roots cannot be located by the military. Bombs and missiles cannot reach them, let alone destroy them. - Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali.

PAKISTAN is short on vision and long on venom - Indian Foreign Secretary Kanwal Sibal on Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf's opening remarks to the summit.

WE do not shake hands with terrorists ... In mythology and folk-lore, the evil entity turns to good, so there is still hope for Pakistan - Indian Foreign Secretary Kanwal Sibal on the possibility of having talks with Pakistan on the sidelines of NAM.

WE are always ready to talk. In the past, I have tried my best to talk with them, but it should not just be me who is trying. Both hands must clap, there is no use clapping when one hand does not come up - Pakistan President Gen. Pervez Musharraf on the possibility of talks with India.

WE meet in the city and country of hope, Kuala Lumpur and Malaysia, at a sombre moment in the evolution of human society. The task we face is to take decisions that give hope to all humanity - South African President Thabo Mbeki in his speech.

NEXT to the United Nations, the Non-Aligned Movement is the largest international bulwark of peace. It is a movement that has chosen to temper conflict, that has offered its influential offices to stop the firing of weapons and to steward peace for the welfare and benefit of the poor. - Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo in her speech.

TODAY, we are all in the same boat. Any effort towards saving oneself, individually, is futile and could prove fatal. If there is going to be survival, then it will have to be shoulder to shoulder with others. - Iranian President Seyyed Mohammad Khatami in his speech.

DR Mahathir Mohamad's speech can be made into NAM's constitution because it emphasises development and well-being of its members. - Iraqi Foreign Minister Dr Nadji Sabri.

WITHOUT blaming each other, we must admit that we are all somewhat responsible for this lack of efficiency - Mohammed VI, King of Morocco and chairman of the Group of 77, on NAM's shortcomings that stand in its way of having its voice heard by developed nations.

I ESCAPED six times from bombings. All I want is peace now. Dr Mahathir's words have touched my heart. I am on his side in outlawing wars. - Sri Lanka delegate and MP Tissa Karalliyadde.

DR Mahathir Mohamad's speech was crystal clear: War is not a solution to problems. - Jamaican Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade Minister K.D. Knight.