



PEACE-BUILDING AND STATE BUILDING

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Nation-building and State Building

Nation building: ... refers to the establishment of a common national identity within a given geographical area, based on shared language and culture.

State building ... diverge from nation building, since ethnic minorities are often citizens of a state without being regarded as members of the corresponding nation.

Characteristic

- 1. Breakdown of law and order, where state institutions lose their monopoly on the legitimate use of force and are unable to protect their citizens, or those institutions are used to oppress and terrorize citizens;**
- 2. Weak or disintegrated capacity to respond to citizens' needs and desires, provide basic public services, assure citizens' welfare;**
- 3. Lack of a credible entity that represents the state beyond its borders ...**

Peace building

- 1. Is not merely the absence of war**
- 2. Is not limited to maintaining a balance of powers between adversaries**

Peace building

Peace cannot be attained on earth without ...

- **safeguarding the goods of persons,**
- **free communications among men,**
- **respect for the dignity of persons and peoples,**
- **The assiduous practice of fraternity**

**PEACE IS THE WORK OF JUSTICE AND THE
EFFECT OF CHARITY**

Justice ... moral virtue

1. Justice toward God ... “virtue of religion”
2. Justice toward men ... disposes one to respect the rights of each and to establish in human relationships the common good
3. The just man ... is distinguished by habitual right thinking and the uprightness of his conduct toward the other ...

Justice

- Commutative justice ... mutual respects of persons, personal rights
- Distributive justice ... economical and political sense
- Reparation for injustice