



“DEFENDING THE COUNTRY IS A RELIGIOUS DUTY”

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَهَاجَرُوا وَجَاهَدُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ بِأَمْوَالِهِمْ وَأَنْفُسِهِمْ
 أَعْظَمَ دَرَجَةً عِنْدَ اللَّهِ ۚ وَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْفَائِزُونَ ﴿١٠٤﴾¹
 أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ
 صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا
 الْمُسْلِمُونَ! اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ. قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى:
 يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ ۖ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٠٤﴾

Dear blessed Muslims,

Let us strive to increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we all attain *barakah* (blessings) in our lives and bestowed with Allah's protection in this world and the Hereafter.

Today I will deliver a *khutbah* titled “**DEFENDING THE COUNTRY IS A RELIGIOUS DUTY.**”

Respected Muslims,

Verily, peace and harmony within a nation does not come about without effort. Instead, it is the very fruit of the blood, sweat, and tears shed by our freedom fighters that we deem as warriors.

Warriors' Day that is commemorated every year is truly meaningful for us as individuals that yearn for peace. The nation's warriors that comprise of those from the Malaysian Army, the Royal Malaysian Police, and other national security agencies are greatly appreciated and remembered for their services. Not forgetting, our freedom fighters that triggered the spirit of heroism in fighting off the colonialists on our land such as Dato' Bahaman, Tok Janggut, Mat Kilau, *Leftenan* Adnan, and others that will never be forgotten.

The sacrifices of the warriors are highly revered especially when their struggle is met with martyrdom. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 154 of soorah al-Baqarah:

وَلَا تَقُولُوا لِمَنْ يُقْتَلُ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ أَمْوَاتٌ ۚ بَلْ أَحْيَاءٌ وَلَكِنْ لَا تَشْعُرُونَ ﴿١٥٤﴾

¹ at-Tawbah 9:20



“And do not say about those who are killed in the way of Allah, “They are dead.” Rather, they are alive, but you perceive [it] not.”

This verse explains that when the Muslim *ummah* undertake *jihad* in the path of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala* and gets killed, then they are not deemed as dead, rather they are alive with full honor in the Sight of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala*. They are granted with a life that is much more privileged compared to others.

Dearest audience,

In preserving peace within the nation, we must always remain prepared in facing the enemy, according to our ability, as Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala* mentions in verse 60 of soorah al-Anfaal:

وَأَعِدُّوا لَهُمْ مَا اسْتَطَعْتُمْ مِنْ قُوَّةٍ وَمِنْ رِبَاطِ الْخَيْلِ تُرْهِبُونَ بِهِ عَدُوَّ اللَّهِ وَعَدُوَّكُمْ

“And prepare against them whatever you are able of power and of steeds of war by which you may terrify the enemy of Allah and your enemy and others besides them whom you do not know [but] whom Allah knows...”

According to *Tafseer al-Maraaghiy*, Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala* commands the believers to make the necessary preparation for battle so as to ward off the enemy’s attack. Such preparations can be made in two different scenarios:

First: Preparing all sorts of military strength needed, suitable for the time and place such as manufacturing weapons, war aircrafts, explosives, tanks, submarines, and others. Likewise, acquiring knowledge in various fields of expertise and developing the necessary equipment.

Second: Placing the defense forces at harbors and along the border for these are strategic entry points for the enemies to encroach upon our nation. The wisdom is so that the people will always have an army protecting them when the enemy makes a sudden attack.

This indicates that Islam deem as grave importance regarding the matter of national security by ensuring that the borders are always guarded using modern weaponry or that which is suitable with the changing of time.

Blessed Muslims,

History has shown the true valor of the Muslim army from its glorious days up until the Ottoman caliphate in Turkey that is truly astounding. The prowess of Sultan Muhammad al-Fatih and his army should be truly emulated. In the *hadeeth* of ‘Abdullah bin Bishr *radiallaahu ‘anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:



لَتُفْتَحَنَّ الْقُسْطَنْطِينِيَّةُ، وَلَنِعْمَ الْأَمِيرُ أَمِيرُهَا، وَلَنِعْمَ الْجَيْشُ ذَلِكَ الْجَيْشُ

“You will conquer Constantinople. The best commander is its commander and the best army is its army.”

Their traits as warriors having solid *imaan* (faith), *tawaddu'* (humility), intelligence, and courage had enabled them to lead the Muslim army until they were able to conquer Constantinople from the Romans. Such victory had opened up the door for the spread of Islam into Europe. Among his words to his army on the 53rd day of siege were: “O my army! I am ready to die in the path of Allah. Whoever wants to attain martyrdom, then come follow me!”

Among the contributing factors to the victory of the Muslim army in that battle is closely intertwined with their *imaan* unto Allah, self-identity, loyalty to their leader, and willingness to sacrifice for the sake of the religion, society, and nation as a whole.

According to Dr Yusuf al-Qaradawi in his book “*al-Imaan wal-Haayah*”, among the pillars of strength for the believers are full reliance upon Allah *Ta'aala* and unwavering certainty that Allah is always with them wherever they are. They would participate in a battle not because of their whims and desire, not because of personal interest, and not to persecute and infringe upon the rights of others. They are not afraid of their enemy, and moreover, it only makes them stronger upon seeing the large number of enemies they would have to face, as in the Battle of al-Ahzaab (the Trench) in the 5th *Hijri* year. Such is the greatness of the warriors of previous generations who would prioritize upon the firmness of *imaan* and *'aqeedah* in defending the nation.

Blessed audience,

To end the *khutbah*, let us altogether internalize upon several suggestions, namely:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have full certainty that defending the sovereignty of the nation is a religious duty that will be rewarded with tremendous rewards in the Hereafter.
2. Our national gladiators must equip themselves with firm *imaan* and deep love for the country based on the principles of fighting in the path of Allah.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must always unite in strengthening true brotherhood so as to uphold the *shi'ar* (symbols) of Islam and defend the religion, citizen, and nation.
4. The Muslim *ummah* must supplicate for national warriors who have returned to their Creator so that their souls will attain *rahmah* (mercy) and forgiveness. For those that are valiantly waving the banner of struggle, we supplicate so that they will always remain *istiqamah* (steadfast) in defending every inch of our homeland.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ



يَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اذْكُرُوا نِعْمَةَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ إِذْ جَاءَتْكُمْ جُنُودٌ فَأَرْسَلْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ
رِيحًا وَجُنُودًا لَّمْ تَرَوْهَا وَكَانَ اللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرًا ﴿٣٩﴾

"O you who have believed, remember the favor of Allah upon you when armies came to [attack] you and We sent upon them a wind and armies [of angels] you did not see. And ever is Allah, of what you do, Seeing."

(al-Ahzaab 33:9)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ
وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ.
أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ،
فَأَسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.

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THE SECOND KHUTBAH

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي جَعَلَنَا مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَرَزَقَنَا مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ. أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اَللّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Dear blessed audience,

Once again, I would like to remind all of us to always have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and realize that Islam teaches us to remain moderate in every actions and deeds. As Muslims, we are to manifest noble *akhlaaq*, having utmost personality and attitude for Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم was sent to perfect *akhlaaq* and as mercy for the entire mankind and the worlds. Therefore, let us always increase our *salawaat* and *salaam* upon our Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions:

"Indeed, Allah confers blessing upon the Prophet, and His angels [ask Him to do so]. O you who have believed, ask [Allah to confer] blessing upon him and ask [Allah to grant him] peace."

(al-Ahzaab 33:56)

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا.

اَللّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ وَارْضَ اَللّهُمَّ عَنْ اَصْحَابِهِ وَقَرَابَتِهِ وَأَزْوَاجِهِ وَذُرِّيَّاتِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

اَللّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ اَلْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ وَيَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اَللّهُمَّ اَعِزِّ اَلْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَهْلِكَ اَلْكَفْرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ وَدَمِّرْ اَعْدَاءَكَ اَعْدَاءَ الدِّينِ. وَأَنْصُرْنَا عَلَى اَلْقَوْمِ اَلْكَافِرِينَ.

اَللّهُمَّ اِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ اِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ اَلْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِاَسْمَائِكَ اَلْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ اَلْعُظْمَى، اَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ



مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُورِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ ابْنِ
الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعُوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ
وَالْتَوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُورِ، تَعْكُو اَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ
السُّلْطَانَ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ، فِي اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ
يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمَوْظَفَيْنِ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ،
وَبَلِّغْ مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرِّشَادِ.

O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed upon us *rahmah* and *ni'mah*, that we are able to continue the effort in empowering the Muslim *ummah*, as an advanced state, prosperous and providing welfare, under the auspices and leadership of our Ruler as the Head of Islamic affairs in this state.

Hence, we sincerely beseech You, O Allah, strengthen our *imaan* and creed according to that of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*, accept our righteous deeds, cultivate our soul with good mannerisms, unite our hearts, bestow upon us *rizq* with blessings, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, protect us from disasters and save us from teachings that are outside the fold of Islam such as *Qadiyaani*, deviant teachings such as *Shee'ah*, and other teachings deemed as deviating from Islamic teachings or contradicting the creed of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*. O Allah, open up our hearts in performing the five daily prayers, fulfilling *zakaat* through *Lembaga Zakat Selangor* (Selangor *Zakaat* Board), making *waqf* and *infaaq* of our wealth to *Perbadanan Wakaf Negeri Selangor* (Selangor *Waqf* Corporation), and *Tabung Amanah Pembangunan Islam Selangor* (Islamic Development Trust Fund of Selangor).

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ اَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ اَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ اِمَامًا. رَبَّنَا اِنَّا
فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةٌ وَفِي الْاٰخِرَةِ حَسَنَةٌ وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ
عِبَادَ اللهِ، اِنَّ اللهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْاِحْسَانِ وَيَنْهَى عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ
وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿١٠١﴾
فَاذْكُرُوا اللهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوهُ عَلَى نِعْمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ
يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللهِ اَكْبَرُ وَاللهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.

