



DEALING WITH EXTREMISM IN PERFORMING *JIHAD*



I would like to remind myself
and all of us. Let us strive to
have the *taqwa* of Allah
Subhaanahu Wata'aala by
fulfilling all of His
Commands and avoiding

all of His prohibitions. Indeed,
the *taqwa* of Allah will drive us
to become vigilant in all of our
actions and deeds. The true
taqwa will make us very
cautious and worried about the

consequences of our
wrongdoings, whether it
involves the rights of Allah
Subhaanahu Wata'aala, and
also the rights of humans as the
slaves of Allah.

On this blessed day, let us
ponder upon the *khutbah*
entitled: “***Dealing With
Extremism In Performing
Jihaad.***”

Abu Hurayrah
radiyAllaahu 'anh reported
Rasulullah (ﷺ) as saying:
**“By Him in Whose Hand is
my life, the world would not
come to an end until a day
would come to the**

**people on which the murderer
would not know as to why he
has killed and the slain would
not know as to why he has
been murdered. It would be
said: “Why would it**

**happen?” To which he
replied: “It would be because
of general massacre and
bloodshed (*al-Harj*).” And the
slaughterers and the slain
would be in Fire.” (Muslim)**

It is a common phenomenon that there will be a large number of deaths when war occurs. Wars during the 20th century had caused millions of lives killed. Today, in the 21st century, war continues to

occur in several nations such as Syria, Iraq, and Palestine, inflicting a significant amount of casualties. What is alarming this time is that it is as if the wars taking place in Iraq and Syria are actually

portraying the contents of those
two *ahaadeeth*. We see
widespread killing, so much so
that the killer does not even
know why he needs to kill, and
the victim does not know the
motive of his

demise. Mankind now would
kill as they please. It truly
causes great *fitnah* that even
between two fighting factions,
they would not know who are
their allies and who are their
enemies.

Such war does not only involve an oppressive government and its victims. Moreover, it also involves external parties and world superpower that have actually pre-planned wars in

reaping the profits from the rich
natural resources, to increase
their influence, controlling West
Asian countries, protecting
Israel's interest, and creating
new markets for the military

industry. In such scenario, we have witnessed the rising of numerous groups from all over the globe to partake in those wars. These ongoing wars that keep dragging for years have triggered the birth

of militant groups such as the Free Syrian Army (FSA), Ansar Sunnah, Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), and many others. Their zeal to uphold Islam as a sovereign nation and enthusiasm in

protecting the oppressed in war zones have become the main factors in attracting new recruitments from all walks of life in these wars.

What is of major concern is that some of these high-spirited groups have fallen prey to the trickery that was cunningly planned by the enemies of Islam. This is because military *jihad*

requires the comprehension of deep profound knowledge. It is not confined to only the *fiqh* of *jihaad*, but also to comprehend matters pertaining international politics and the dark history

of the enemies' deviousness. Al-Qur'an has taught us that military *jihad* necessitates sound knowledge. Hence, strong exuberance and passion alone are insufficient to pursue such noble

endeavor. This can be
understood from various texts
from al-Qur'an:

1- Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*
did not obligate military *jihaad*
at a time when the Muslims
were

under oppression by their
enemies. There are times where
we are ordained to have *sabr*
and there are times where we
are commanded to fight. Allah
Subhaanahu Wata'aala
mentions in

al-Qur'an:

**“Have you not seen those who
were told, “Restrain your
hands [from fighting] and
establish prayer and give
zakaah? ...””**

(an-Nisaa' 4:77)

2- *Jihaad* must be led by a righteous leader or its matters to be referred to the Muslim scholars. This is because the army of *jihaad* must duly know when to carry on with the fighting,

when a truce should be
accepted, how to treat the
prisoners and war booty, and
how to uphold the rulings after
attaining victory. All these were
provided as guidelines from
textual

evidences in al-Qur'an and
ahaadeeth. For this reason,
Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*
had chosen Taloot as the
commander due to his
intelligence and physical
strength.

Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala
mentions in al-Qur'an:

**“...He [their prophet] said,
“Indeed, Allah has chosen him
[Taloot] over you and has
increased him**

**abundantly in knowledge and
stature. And Allah gives His
sovereignty to whom He wills.**

And Allah is all-

**Encompassing [in favor] and
Knowing.””**

(al-Baqarah 2:247)

3- The Muslims partaking in military *jihaad* must be fully equipped with sufficient sound knowledge. Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* reminds us in al-

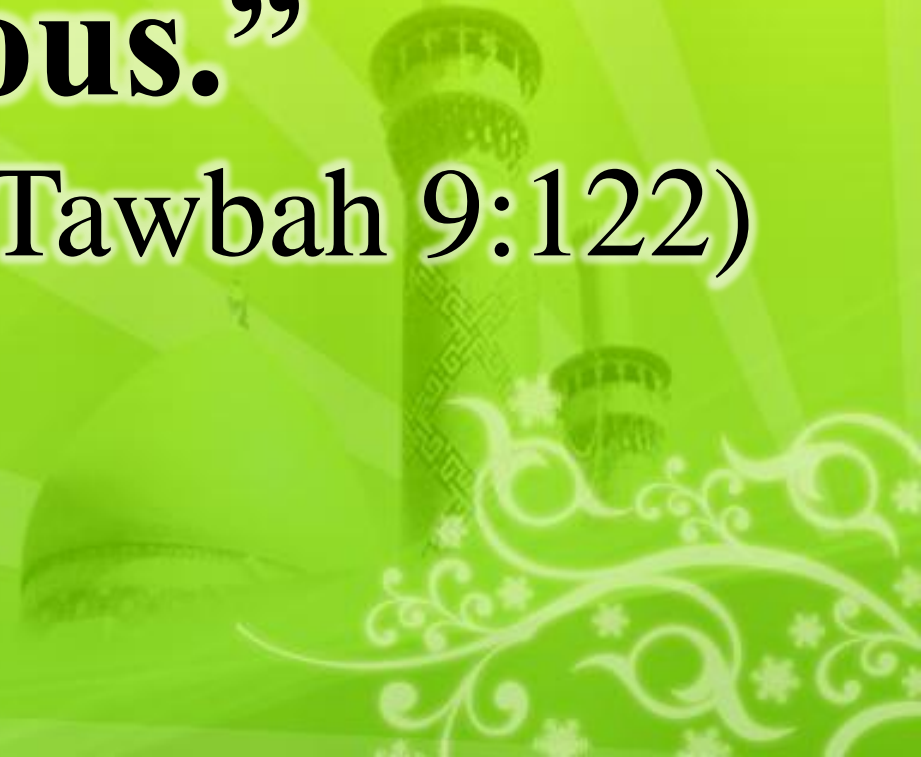
Qur'an:

“And it is not for the

**believers to go forth [to battle]
all at once. For there should
separate from every division
of them a group [remaining]
to obtain understanding in the
religion and warn their**

**people when they return to
them that they might be
cautious.”**

(at-Tawbah 9:122)



Ignorance in the *fiqh* of *jihaad* will lead the Muslim army to commit acts that will further worsen the situation. This is because circumstances on the battlefield may cause the

enemies to resort to various tactics to weaken the Muslims.

The long history of clashes between Islam and Western powers truly has caused them to constantly attempt to prevent the

inevitable rise of Islam. Among
their main measures in
obstructing this revivalism is by
preventing the Muslims from
obtaining the complete and
wholesome Islamic education
and knowledge.

There are various evidences that manifests clear intervention of the West in the Islamic educational system including those in prominent universities within the Muslim world.

Their next measure is to effectively leverage on the weakness between the two opposing ends within the Muslim *ummah*, namely the liberals and the extremists. The liberals are very loose

with the Islamic teachings,
hence their weakness has caused
to them to be easily susceptible
to foreign ideologies and
inclined to liberalism,
democracy, religious pluralism,
and

others. They would accept a portion of Islamic teachings that are simple common sense, but would reject and isolate other aspects.

For the extremists, it is their strong zeal and love for Islam but devoid of sound comprehension. Their ignorance is manipulated to portray a negative image of Islam to the global

community. They would perform *jihad* without fully understanding its *fiqh*, hence their hastiness in their pursuit of upholding Islam. They would instill Islamic laws without adhering to its

actual conditions and
procedures. Both of these
groups are subtly funded by the
West without their own
realization. Both of these groups
are needed by the West to
hinder true Islam

from flourishing. In result, the
strife amongst Muslims
continues to persist if we
remain aloof to this dirty
game.

Islam teaches us to remain in moderation even on the battlefield. In one narration collected by Imaam Muslim and Imaam Abu Dawood *rahimahumullaah*, it was reported that Usaamah bin

Zayd along with an Ansaari
companion

radiyAllaahu ‘anhuma had
encircled an enemy combatant,
who then quickly uttered, “*Laa
ilaaha illAllaah.*” This caused
the

Ansaari companion to abandon
his pursuit upon the enemy.
However, Usaamah continued
to attack the enemy with his
spear and killed him. When the
matter reached Rasulullah
(ﷺ), he

became furious and inquired:

“Did you kill him after he uttered ‘*Laa ilaaha illAllaah*’?”

Usaamah replied saying that the man had only professed it to save his own life. But he (ﷺ) kept

repeating his words: “Did you
kill him after he uttered ‘*Laa
ilaaha illAllaah*’?” This made
Usaamah truly regretted his
actions.

This *hadeeth* indicated that *jihaad* necessitates the full comprehension of its *fiqh*. Fiery spirit that is not accompanied with knowledge will spur a rigid and extreme approach as

manifested by the *khawaarij*
in the history of this *ummah*.

Such *khawaarij*-like
characteristics are as follows:

- 1- Easily declaring *takfeer* (excommunicate) upon anyone who is not upon their cause.
- 2- Declaring war upon those who do not accept them regardless of their

background and reasons for
rejecting them.

3- Using textual evidences from
al-Qur'an as their proofs
literally (*zhaahir*) without
referring to its explanation from
ahaadeeth

and commentaries by Muslim scholars.

The existence of these extremists has actually been prophesized by Rasulullah (ﷺ) even before their actual existence.

In a *hadeeth* narrated by Abu
Sa‘eed al-Khudri
radiyAllaahu‘anh, he had heard
Rasulullah (ﷺ) say:

**“A group of people will
appear among you whose
prayer, fasting and deeds**

**will make you think little of
your own prayer, fasting and
deeds. They will recite the
Qur'an, but it will not get past
their throats, and they will
pass through the *deen* like an
arrow passes**

**through game. You look at the
arrowhead, and you see
nothing, and you look at the
shaft, and you see nothing,
and you look at the flights,
and you see nothing.**

**And you are in doubt about
the notch.”**

(al-Bukhaari, Ahmad, and Maalik)

**In concluding today's *khutbah*,
let us altogether resort to these
very measures:**

1- It is incumbent upon the Muslim *ummah* to comprehend that Islam teaches its adherents to remain moderate, with humility amongst Muslims, and firm upon the

disbelieving (*kuffaar*) enemies
of Islam.

2- The Muslim *ummah* must
enhance their knowledge
pertaining to *jihaad* and the true
Islamic way of life, especially
those related to

jihaad. It is these two matters that have seemingly vanished from extremist groups, causing them to incite enmity amongst Muslims. Therefore, the Muslim *ummah* must remain

vigilant upon such trait and
approach by delving into
sciences relating to al-Qur'an,
hadeeth, and *fiqh* of *jihaad*.

3- The Muslim *ummah* must strengthen their *imaan* and uphold Islam with authentic knowledge.

4- The first step for the Muslim *ummah* is to aid by providing assistance both

financially and making *du'aa*
for the war victims.

5- We must never become easily
influenced by the propaganda of
jihaad that is extreme.

**“O you who have believed,
when you go forth [to fight] in
the cause of Allah, investigate;
and do not say to one who
gives you [a greeting of] peace
“You are not a believer,”
aspiring for**

**the goods of worldly life; for
with Allah are many
acquisitions. You [yourselves]
were like that before; then
Allah conferred His favor
upon you, so investigate.**

**Indeed Allah is ever, with
what you do, Acquainted.”**
(an-Nisaa' 4:94)



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
وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ
وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ
.إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.

**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* especially in
Selangor, as an advanced state,
prosperous, and providing welfare.**

**Hence, we sincerely beseech
you, O Allah, strengthen our
imaan, accept our deeds,
strengthen our unity, increase
our *rizq*, enrich us with
beneficial knowledge, cultivate
our soul with good mannerisms,**

**return us to the path that you
are pleased with, protect us
from disasters and your severe
trials, so that our nation will
become more peaceful and filled
with blessings.**

**O Allah, we sincerely beseech
you, strengthen our beliefs
according to the creed of *Ahlus
Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*, and
protect us from deeds and
'aqeedah that are astray such as
the extreme *Shee'is*, *Qadiyani*,
and other ideologies.**

O Allah, open up our hearts in fulfilling the five daily prayers, performing *zakaat*, and other obligations. Bless those that have fulfilled their *zakaat* and loving the *fuqaraa'* and *masaakin*, and those that have

**made *waqf* and gave up their
wealth for the *Tabung Amanah
Pembangunan Islam Selangor*
(Islamic Development Trust Fund
of Selangor) with continuous
reward until the Day of
Judgment.**



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