



I remind myself and fellow audience to have the tagwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions.

May we become among the successful ones in this world and the Hereafter. In commemorating the **Battle of Badr that took** place in Ramadaan, specifically on the 17<sup>th</sup> of Ramadaan

in 2AH, let us contemplate upon a khutbah entitled:

"THE ARMY OF BADR: EXEMPLARY WARRIORS"

The superiority and privilege of the army of Badr were due to several factors. The main factor is that the battle of Badr itself was actually the first battle in the history of Islam. This made

this event very significant in building the confidence of an emerging nation of that period. Next, the victory of Badr had provided a very positive image, terrifying the enemies, and making

the Muslims emerge as a new entity that is well respected by its contemporaries. In addition, the battle took place at a time when the Muslims were still in its early stage of

development. The Islamic state in Madinah was still new and under constant threat by external enemies. The second factor is that the Companions that participated in this battle

had displayed solid sincerity, allegiance, and commitment to Rasulullah عليه وسلم as their leader. Even though their initial plan and goal of intercepting the trade caravan belonging

Abu Sufyaan had slipped away, they remained together with Rasulullah ا صلى الله Even though they had to encounter the army from Makkah that was greater in number, they did not abandon

Rasulullah عليه وسلم or even criticized him for the change of plans that happened by the Will of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in

al-Qur'an (interpretation of the meaning): "[Remember, O believers], when Allah promised you one of the two groups - that it would be yours - and you wished that the

unarmed one would be yours. But Allah intended to establish the truth by His Words and to eliminate the disbelievers"

(al-Anfaal 8:7)

Though they were faced with bitter realities and astounding risks, they remained patient and stayed with Rasulullah صلى الله الله Such was their firm determination as manifested in the

words of al-Miqdaad bin al-Aswad radiyAllaahu 'anh. At those crucial moments, in facing their enemy, he said to Rasulullah عليه وسلم

"... But we shall fight on your right and on your left and in front of you and behind you"

(Imaam al-Bukhaari)

The third factor is that the army of Badr was subjected to a very severe trial. They were only 313 in numbers and had to face a larger army of 1000.

This clearly tells us the greatness of their sabr (patience) and full reliance upon Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. Though having to face a bigger military, they remained certain with

Allah's Might and His Aid. It was this unwavering yaqeen (certainty) and reliance that caused the help of Allah to be sent down in the form of an army of angels, as described in al-Qur'an:

"[Remember] when you asked help of your Lord, and He answered you, "Indeed, I will reinforce you with a thousand from the angels, following one another"" (al-Anfaal 8:9)

Let us emulate the praiseworthy traits manifested by the army of Badr. Hence, every Muslim should instill the desire and determination to defend his religion even with his own

life. Our longing for Paradise and the burning desire to attain martyrdom will eliminate the fear and worries when facing the enemy.

Narrated Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh: Rasulullah صلى الله said: "He who dies without having gone or thought of going out for jihaad in the Cause of Allah,

will die while being guilty of having one of the qualities of hypocrisy" (Imaam Muslim)

This hadeeth encourages us to always prepare ourselves

with the commitment and determination to defend the religion. It does not mean that we are demanded to kill others and fight recklessly without having the right understanding.

Furthermore, it serves as motivation for us so that we will always place the importance of the religion far above everything else in our lives, as mentioned in the narration of

Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu* 'anh, where Rasulullah عليه وسلم mentioned before fighting the enemy:

"Do not wish to meet the enemy, but when you meet (face) the enemy,

## ...be patient" (Imaam al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

Thus, the valiant characteristics of the army of Badr that made them as the best group

great exemplary for later generations. They gathered bravery, full certainty in Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, obedience to the leader, and patience when encountering reality and

risks in upholding the religion of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

From today's khutbah, we can conclude that the Muslims must emulate

exemplary warriors possessing the characteristics as follows: 1. The Muslims should have full yaqeen and dependence upon Allah

Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala in all matters.

- 2. The Muslims should always remain sincere and diligent in fulfilling the responsibilities entrusted. 3. The Muslims should
- 3. The Muslims should always obey and comply with the military leadership

in facing severe trials. 4. The Muslims should always place the interest of the Muslim ummah far above the interests of certain individuals and groups.

"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. And whatever you spend in the cause of Allah will be fully repaid to you, and you will not be wronged"

(al-Anfaal 8:60)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْم وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الْأَيَاتِ وَالذُّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قُولِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغُفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْعَفُورُ الرَّحِيْمُ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ



Once again, I would like to remind all of us that Islam teaches its adherents to remain moderate in every actions and deeds. At the same time, the Muslims are to avoid any form of deviant ideologies and

extremism in which its consequences will only disrupt the harmony, unity, and security of the Muslim ummah and our nation. As Muslims, we are to manifest noble akhlaaq, having utmost personality and attitude

for Rasulullah عليه وسله was sent to perfect akhlaaq and as mercy for the entire mankind and the worlds.

In preparing for the celebration of 'Eid al-Fitr al-Mubaarak, I would like to wish everyone "Happy Eid al-Fitr" and please remain extra careful when driving to your kampong (hometown). Hence, it

must be reminded that the rate of accidents reported nowadays is at a very worrying level. It continues to increase from year to year, based on the figures released by the Royal Malaysian Police for the

year 2010 until 2015. In 2015 alone, a total of 489,606 cases of road accidents had occurred with more than six thousand fatal accidents causing almost seven thousand deaths among

motorists across Malaysia. On average, the total accidents have increased by 13,000 cases as compared to 2014, revealing a rate of more than 1300 accident cases daily with nearly 20 fatalities daily

## throughout 2015. Therefore, let us avoid ourselves from becoming involved with accidents and losses that are unexpected, so that we can together experience the blessings and joy







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