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***DEFENDING THE COUNTRY
IS A RELIGIOUS DUTY***





**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.”***



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:

“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.**

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:

“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.**

**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
radiyAllaahu ‘anh,
Rasulullah صلى الله
عليه وسلم said:

“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.

**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'aar* (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.

“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)



**THE SECOND
KHUTBAH**




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 ﷺ 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)



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 the Selangor *Zakaat*
Board, making *waqf* and *infaaq*
of our wealth to Selangor *Waqf*
Corporation and Islamic
Development Trust Fund of
Selangor.**



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