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Let us altogether strive to increase our imaan (faith) and taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by performing all of His Commands and avoiding

all of His prohibitions. May we all enter the Paradise of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala the in Hereafter.

The sermon today will expound on the Struggle of Our National Heroes, in conjunction with the celebration of Warriors' Day on the 31st of July this year.

Throughout history, our nation never fell short in national producing heroes and warriors that are distinctive and unwavering in rendering services that the colonials never really

peacefulness tasted while colonizing this land. They had to confront local warriors who would prefer to die than live in humiliation at the hands of the colonialists.

Their bravery is true and apparent in defending their beloved homeland from the threats of enemies and colonial powers. Our national heroes were firm in their stance and reliance in

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, always remaining pleased and having tawakkul (full reliance) in Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala in all of their actions. The duty of upholding the

religion, nation, and homeland became the pillar of their struggle. Even though they were not conferred with this recognitions world, definitely they will be granted with

blissfulness in the Hereafter. We must derive lessons from their spirit and courage in defending the sanctity of Islam and the

sovereignty of the nation.

They were valiant in fighting off the enemies in rescuing the country and defending Islam. Nowadays, it's very unfortunate that there are those within this nation that are brazen

enough to fight against their own people and become the enemy of the religion, which will surely be detrimental to the nation and mankind. Avoid enmity and division for it is we that will be at

the losing end. The nation will be at tremendous risk. Do not provide the slightest opportunity for the enemies and external elements to control this nation. This reminder

was conveyed by His Royal Highness the Sultan of Selangor whom decreed in his media statement dated 4th of July, 2022 that the strength of a nation lies in its unity and firm

adherence to Islamic teachings. Any nation and civilization can collapse if it does not remain united and cooperative in defending itself.

Many of us are actually unaware of the struggles and sacrifices of our national heroes, whom are irreplaceable, in ensuring that the country is free from colonization and enemy threats.

The services and heroism of the Malaysian Armed Forces, the Royal Police, Malaysian security agencies, and distinguished statesmen must be commemorated, praised, and prayed for

continued blessings from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. Their services should not be forgotten for we may not be able to enjoy the favors today if it was not for their great sacrifices and struggles.

Is it befitting that the ni'mah (favor) of peacefulness and development enjoyed today to be replaced with chaos and unrest due to disputes and disagreements among

ourselves? The conflicts and enmity between a few will not only erase the struggles of our national heroes, it will also benefit the enemies.

Rasulullah truly despised his followers whom loves to argue. Sayyidina 'Umar bin al-Khattaab radiyAllaahu 'anh had reminded us through the narration of Rasulullah , where he said:

"Adhere to the Jamaa ah, beware of separation, for indeed shaytaan is with one, and he is further away from two. Whoever wants the best place in Paradise, then let him stick to the Jamaa'ah."

(at-Tirmidhi)

and National security sovereignty that are defended are truly noble tasks and it is demanded within the Sharee'ah to uphold the religion of Allah on the face of earth. This is the struggle

of the national warriors with full obedience, patience, and sincerity, in ensuring that Islam is safeguarded, the nation defended, and the citizens protected. They have yaqeen (certainty)

that Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala will always provide aid and assistance, as well as victory to those that have ikhlaas (sincerity) and sabr (patience) while fighting, hoping for the

pleasure of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 146 of soorah Aal 'Imraan:

"And how many a prophet [fought and] with him fought many religious scholars. But they never lost assurance due to what afflicted them in

the cause of Allah, nor did they weaken or submit. And Allah loves the steadfast."

Throughout Islamic history, there have been many great Muslim warriors having strong and high spirit of jihaad such as Sayyidina Hamzah, Khaalid bin al-Waleed, Taariq bin Ziyaad,

Salaah alad-Deen Ayyoobi, and many others. While, our national heroes would be the likes of Mat Kilau bin Imam Rasu, Haji Hassan bin Munas or Tok Janggut,

Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj, Tun Abdul Leftenan Razak, (Lieutenant) Adnan and Sarjan (Sargeant) Hassan. They had all undertook jihaad, sacrificed their lives in

defending this land, and significantly contributed in maintaining peace. May they be rewarded and bestowed with a high rank in the Sight of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. The success in their

struggle due is to discipline, amaanah (trustworthiness), honesty, and ikhlaas in their efforts. Therefore, let us safeguard our akhlaaq (character) and behavior so as to ensure

stability and maintaining peace within the nation. Let us remain highly disciplined, honest, and trustworthy in any work pursued for the one that is honest and trustworthy will feel ashamed with

himself and ashamed with Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala when he or she intends to commit acts of betrayal and wickedness.

To end the sermon, let us take lessons as in the following:

1. The Muslim ummah must have firm 'aqeedah and certainty that fighting to defend Islam, the Muslims, and the nation will be granted aid from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

2. The Muslim ummah must emulate the lives of our national heroes whom fought and sacrificed for the sake of Allah, in upholding Islam, the Muslims, and the nation.

3. The Muslims must realize that the destruction of a nation will definitely take place if the leaders are selfish, always indulging in dirty politics, possessing bad akhlaaq, and the people are disunited and hostile towards each other.

"And hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided. And remember the favor of Allah upon you - when you were enemies and He brought your hearts together and you

became, by His favor, brothers. And you were on the edge of a pit of the Fire, and He saved you from it. Thus does Allah make clear to you His verses that you may be guided."

(Soorah Aal 'Imraan 3:103)

THE SECOND KHUTBAH

Let us altogether strive to have the tagwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by increasing our obedience towards Him and avoiding acts of disobedience and abominable deeds.

O Allah, grant us guidance in performing the five obligatory prayers in congregation, fulfilling zakaat through Selangor Zakaat Board (LZS), making endowment (waqf)

through Perbadanan Wakaf Selangor (Selangor Endowment Corporation) and giving away our wealth (infaaq) through Tabung Infak Jariah Umat Islam Selangor (TIJARI, Selangor Continuous Charity for Muslims Fund),

and to the orphans through Darul Ehsan Islamic Foundation (YIDE).

O Allah, bestow upon us rizq that are lawful and blessed, keep us away from acts of corruption and abuse of power for they are betrayals upon the trust given.

