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"TRUE WARRIOR"

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: فَلَا تَهْنُوا وَتَدْعُوا إِلَى السَّلَامِ وَأَنْتُمْ الْأَعْلَوْنَ
وَاللَّهُ مَعَكُمْ وَلَنْ يَتْرُكَكُمْ أَعْمَلَكُمْ.¹

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا
عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى
آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ 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 تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا
تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ.²

Dear blessed Muslims,

I humbly implore for all us to altogether strive in increasing our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by fulfilling all His Commands and leaving out everything that He forbade. May we all be bestowed with happiness and salvation in this world and the Hereafter.

¹ Muhammad 47:35.

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102.

On this noble day, I will discuss upon a *khutbah* titled "**TRUE WARRIOR.**"

Dear blessed Friday audience,

All praise is due to Allah, in our nation that has long attained its independence, we can enjoy sovereignty and freedom, as well as the ability to administer the nation independently without foreign interference. The sufferings due to coercion and oppression endured by our freedom fighters are no longer experienced by us today.

From the blessings of the freedom that we enjoy today, we are able to undergo our daily routines with peace and comfort. We are free to perform '*ibaadah* (worship) to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* with serenity, *khushoo'* (humility), without any threat or disruption. Just imagine the predicament of our Muslim brethren living in countries that are being plundered, oppressed, and tormented upon their body and soul. Until now, they live in a state of fear, where almost every second they are inundated with hunger, torture, and death due to blockades or bombings. In such situation, it is certainly difficult for them to attain the meaning of life, what more in obtaining freedom while living their daily life, and far from finding peace in their '*ibaadah* unto Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Hence, the *ni'mah* (favor) of sovereignty and freedom becomes *wajib* (obligatory) upon us to be grateful for and benefit from them in the best manner, for it is not something that is permanent. If we are heedless, they can just vanish in the blink of an eye, just as great Islamic civilizations of the past had collapsed.

The predicament faced by our Muslim brethren in countries that are being plundered and oppressed today, truthfully, they were also endured by the citizens, the fighters and warriors of our homeland once upon a time ago. At that time, the unfathomable risk of confronting the enemies have threatened freedom and the tranquility of the lives of the people. It is the fighters and the soldiers that marched to the frontlines, bearing arms, and sacrificing their lives, solely to ensure that this land remains sovereign and enjoys peace. Hence, we must truly realize, remain penitent and grateful for all of the favors that Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* had bestowed due to the sincere sacrifices of our warriors.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 7 of Soorah Ibraaheem:

وَإِذْ تَأَذَّنَ رَبُّكُمْ لَئِنْ شَكَرْتُمْ لَأَزِيدَنَّكُمْ وَلَئِنْ كَفَرْتُمْ إِنَّ عَذَابِي
لَشَدِيدٌ.

“And [remember] when your Lord proclaimed, ‘If you are grateful, I will surely increase you [in favor]; but if you deny, indeed, My punishment is severe.’”

Blessed Friday audience,

Every year, we commemorate *Hari Pahlawan* (Warriors' Day) as a show of appreciation and respect for all the sacrifices and services rendered by our homeland heroes. It becomes a historical episode that should be remembered by all Malaysians, so that we will always appreciate the sacrifices of those warriors who valiantly risked their bodies and lives in defending the sovereignty of this nation.

We deeply appreciate the services of the army, police, and security agencies that are always standing in the frontlines. They are ever willing to sacrifice their body and soul, leaving behind their loved ones, while they protect the borders of our homeland, in ensuring that every citizen can enjoy the favors of security and peacefulness from any threats, whether from abroad or within the country.

Of course, as citizens, we must strive and galvanize our efforts in continuing to maintain the peace that was pioneered by the heroes and warriors of the past. Therefore, the heroic spirit must exist and embedded within the hearts of the Muslims, by becoming an entity that preserves peace, building strength through the unity of *'aqeedah*, not becoming thorns within the flesh or "scissors in the fold" [meaning: hidden enemy or treacherous person within a group].

In actuality, those that participated in preserving the peacefulness of this nation are individuals that truly love their homeland. From that love, the willpower to serve and sacrifice for the sake of the nation emerges. However, the strength meant is not just physical strength or intelligence in knowledge alone. As Muslims, the main strength is the strength of *imaan* (faith) and having certainty in Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. That is the solid peg that serves as the foundation of life, keeping a Muslim firm in his principles, intelligent in his affairs, and not easily wavered in front of his enemies.

In the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

الْمُؤْمِنُ الْقَوِيُّ خَيْرٌ وَأَحَبُّ إِلَى اللَّهِ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِ الضَّعِيفِ

"A strong believer is better and is more lovable to Allah than a weak believer."

(Muslim)

Beloved Friday congregation,

Verily, the bravery of a warrior is only born from a strong soul, meaning a soul that does not succumb to weakness or fear. His fear and hope are placed fully in the will of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. A brave person is courageous not because he has never felt scared, but he did not make that fear as an excuse to escape from his responsibilities. If we want to see the best example in this regard, let us look at Rasulallah ﷺ. He is the bravest individual ever. In many important battles, the leaders of the *kuffaar* (disbelievers) and the enemy's army would run away from having to face Rasulallah ﷺ. At the same time, Rasulallah ﷺ himself would always remain present at the frontline. This is the true valor, bravery that had borne out of deep-seated certainty and comprehension upon the meaning and objectives of the life of Rasulallah ﷺ.

Anas bin Maalik *radiyAllaahu 'anh* stated:

"The Prophet ﷺ was the best and the bravest amongst the people. Once the people of Madeenah got terrified at night, so they went in the direction of the noise (that terrified them). The Prophet ﷺ met

them (on his way back) after he had found out the truth. He was riding an unsaddled horse belonging to Abu Talha and a sword was hanging by his neck, and he was saying:

لَمْ تُرَاعُوا، لَمْ تُرَاعُوا

"Don't be afraid! Don't be afraid!"

(al-Bukhari and Muslim)

This incident manifested the bravery of Rasulullah ﷺ for he ﷺ had came out earlier than his Companions, investigating what had happened, and then reassured them.

Blessed Friday congregants,

Recalling the history of our homeland, a plethora of religious icons were heroes that rose up in defending the dignity of the people, religion, and nation. Among the names that are prominent in playing their own roles along with other warriors are Tok Janggut and Mat Kilau.

Tok Janggut, an 'aalim (knowledgeable person) who hailed from Kelantan, had traveled to Makkah to seek knowledge. He then rose up to fight off British colonialism when the policies imposed on the citizens were discriminatory, followed by the appointment of foreign officials who were not at all concerned about the dignity and sensitivity of local communities. Tok Janggut, along with his colleagues, had risen with the unwavering spirit of

jihaad in opposing British colonization that they were successful in gaining control of Pasir Puteh district temporarily, before he was martyred in the battlefield.

Similarly with Mat Kilau, a warrior who hailed from Pahang. Along with his father, Tok Gajah, and his friend Dato' Bahaman, he led a guerilla movement in fighting off the colonialists between the years of 1891 to 1895. During that period, they moved from one forest to another, abandoning their families, enduring hardships solely to defend the rights of their homeland from continuing to be colonized and trampled by the British.

Let us not forget the bloody incident in Bukit Kepong in 1950, where police force defended their police station from the onslaught of communist guerilla. During that brutal attack at dawn, the police officers on duty were undaunted by the siege and repeated attacks by the enemies that they fought off till the last drop of blood.

This is the very example of true warriors. They not only defended their homeland, but they carried the noble mission of protecting the religion and citizens, which is an obligation.

Dear respected Friday audience,

Embracing the spirit of past warriors, let us light the torch of struggle that is becoming dimmer within the soul of the Muslims today. Not with weapons and violence, but with certainty in Islam as the complete way of life and the duty of carrying out *amar ma'roof nahy munkar* (enjoining good, forbidding evil).

Let us not utilize our strength and courage to oppress the weak, spread hatred, seek revenge, envious, and *khiyaanah* (betrayal). On the contrary, channel our strength in protecting the dignity of Islam and the Muslims, in addition to upholding justice and avoiding any form of oppression upon others.

Let us emulate Rasulullah ﷺ. Even though he possessed extraordinary strength and valor, they were not utilized to oppress or torment anyone.

'A'ishah *radiyAllaahu 'anha* reported:

"Rasulullah ﷺ never hit anything with his hand neither a servant nor a woman but of course, he did fight in the Cause of Allah. He never took revenge upon anyone for the wrong done to him, but of course, he exacted retribution for the sake of Allah in case the Injunctions of Allah about unlawful acts were violated."

(Muslim)

Therefore, as Muslims, we must emulate the bravery of Rasulullah ﷺ by reflecting upon the *seerah* (biography) of Rasulullah ﷺ pertaining to his struggle. Not just on the battlefield but also in his daily affairs. We must be brave in upholding the truth, rejecting tyranny, and implementing *islaah* (reform) with wisdom.

Blessed congregation,

To conclude the *khutbah* today, let us derive several lessons as guidance in our lives:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must remain penitent that our nation's sovereignty and freedom will only remain safeguarded for as long as its

citizens firmly cling upon *imaan*, *taqwa*, and the guidance of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

2. The Muslim *ummah* must avoid cowardice when voicing out the truth, shirking from responsibilities, and avoid all forms of betrayal that can threaten safety and jeopardize national security.

3. The Muslim *ummah* must always remember that Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* is always with His believing and pious servants.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ مُحْسِنُونَ.

"Indeed, Allah is with those who fear Him and those who are doers of good."

(Soorah an-Nahl 16:128)

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 فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.

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. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ
وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ. أَمَّا
بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ أَوْصِيَكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ
فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ
وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا.³

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ
أَجْمَعِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ
وَيَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ.

اللَّهُمَّ أَصْلِحْ أَيْمَةَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَوُلَاةَ أُمُورِهِمْ وَجَمِيعَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ.
اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ
بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعِيْنَ
عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمْدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا

³ al-Ahzaab 33:56.

المُعْظَم، سُلْطَان سَلَغُور، سُلْطَان شَرْفُ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه
الحاج ابن المرحوم سُلْطَان صَلَاحُ الدِّينِ عبد العزيز شاه
الحاج. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيَّ عَهْدِ سَلَغُور، تَعَكُّوْا اَمِيرَ شَاهِ ابْنِ
السُّلْطَانِ شَرْفُ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِيْ اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْتِكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمَوْظَفَيْنِ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ.

O Allah! Make us among Your slaves that preserves the *amaanah*. Protect our state and nation from destruction due to acts of disobedience, bribery, embezzlement, and power abuse. Bestow upon us a leader that is trustworthy, honest, and firm in upholding the truth and executing justice according to the *Sharee'ah*. O Allah, make the *masaajid* and *suraus* in the state of Selangor as Your peaceful homes, uniting everyone, and serve as the heart of the *ummah*'s strength.

O Allah! Protect the Muslims and Masjid al-Aqsa in Palestine. Safeguard them from oppression and evil, and bestow upon them determination, courage, and victory.

O Allah! Strengthen the '*aqeedah* of the Muslims in this state, '*aqeedah* that is upon the creed of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*, which is upon the path

of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and his Companions *radiyAllaahu 'anhum*, and spare us from all of the *fitan* that can harm the union and unity of the Muslim *ummah*.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا.⁴

رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ.⁵
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَى وَيَنْهَى عَنِ
الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ.⁶

فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُواهُ عَلَى نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِيكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا
تَصْنَعُونَ.

⁴ al-Furqaan 25:74.

⁵ al-Baqarah 2:201.

⁶ an-Nahl 16:90.