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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.

On this noble day, I will discuss upon a khutbah.

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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

foreign without The interference. 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 'ibaadah perform (worship) to

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala with serenity, (humility), khushoo' 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 waajib (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:

"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."

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.

becomes a historical episode that should 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 **said**:

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

(Muslim)

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 Rasulullah . 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 Rasulullah 2. At the same time, Rasulullah himself would always remain present at the frontline. This is the true

valor, bravery that had borne out of deepseated certainty and comprehension upon the meaning and objectives of the life of Rasulullah

Anas bin Maalik radiyAllaahu 'anh stated:

"The Prophet 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 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 ثُرَاعُوا، لَمْ ثُرَاعُوا

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

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

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

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 opposing **British** colonization that they successful were 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 guerilla. communist 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 noble carried the mission of protecting the religion and citizens, which is an obligation.

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 the weak, oppress 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 Even though he

possessed extraordinary strength and valor, they were not utilized to or torment oppress anyone.

'A'ishah radiyAllaahu 'anha reported:

"Rasulullah " 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)

as Muslims, Therefore, we must emulate the bravery of Rasulullah by reflecting upon the seerah (biography) of Rasulullah 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.

To conclude 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

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

2. The Muslim umah avoid must 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 always must remember that Allah Wa Subhaanahu Ta'aala is always with His believing and pious servants.

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

(Soorah an-Nahl 16:128)

THE SECOND KHUTBAH

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 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 'ageedah of the Muslims in this state, 'ageedah that is upon the creed of Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah, which is upon the path of

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

