

WARRIOR DAY CELEBRATION

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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ. وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا. مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يَضِلَّ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ.
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ.
اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.
أَمَّا بَعْدُ،
فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَأَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Let us all increase our devotion towards Allah the Almighty by performing all that He has decreed and abstaining from all that He has prohibited. Hopefully, we will be blessed in this world and in the Hereafter.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Indeed, the peace, stability and prosperity that we enjoy today did not come easily. It is the result of the struggle, sacrifice and service of previous generations who were willing to risk their time, energy, wealth and even their lives to ensure that the country remains peaceful and sovereign.

In Islam, defending and maintaining the security of the country is a religious responsibility. A peaceful country allows the implementation of *Sharia* law, the freedom to worship, the spread of knowledge, the development of the economy and the orderly management of the life of the community. Allah the Almighty says in the Quran in Chapter 8 (*Surah Al-Anfal*) Verse (*Ayat*) 60:

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وَأَعِدُّوا لَهُمْ مَا اسْتَطَعْتُمْ مِنْ قُوَّةٍ وَمِنْ رِبَاطِ الْخَيْلِ تُرْهِبُونَ بِهِ عَدُوَّ اللَّهِ وَعَدُوَّكُمْ وَءَاخِرِينَ مِنْ دُونِهِمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَهُمُ اللَّهُ يَعْلَمُهُمْ ۚ وَمَا تُنْفِقُوا مِنْ شَيْءٍ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ يُوَفَّ إِلَيْكُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ لَا تُظْلَمُونَ ٦٠

Which means: “Prepare whatever forces you [believers] can muster, including warhorses, to frighten off Allah’s enemies and yours, and warn others unknown to you but known to Allah. Whatever you give in Allah’s cause will be repaid to you in full, and you will not be wronged.”

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him [PBUH]) emphasized the honor of those who fight to defend their rights and safety in a *hadith* narrated by Imam Abu Daud:

مَنْ قُتِلَ دُونَ مَالِهِ فَهُوَ شَهِيدٌ وَمَنْ قُتِلَ دُونَ دِينِهِ فَهُوَ شَهِيدٌ وَمَنْ قُتِلَ دُونَ أَهْلِهِ فَهُوَ شَهِيدٌ

Which means: “He who is killed in defence of his religion is a martyr, he who is killed in self-defence is a martyr, he who is killed in defence of his property is a martyr, and he who is killed in defence of his family is a martyr.”

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On July 31st every year, our country commemorates Warrior Day as a sign of our appreciation for the services and sacrifices of our country’s heroes. They consist

of members of the military, police and security forces. In fact, based on history, this group also includes Malay kings, intellectuals, religious scholars, teachers and their students who fought during the Portuguese, Dutch, British and Japanese colonial eras, and the emergency period against communism in order to defend the homeland from the threat of enemies who tried to undermine the country's sovereignty.

They left their families, faced hardships and lived in poverty to ensure that the people could live in peace. In fact, many of them even sacrificed their lives while carrying out their duties to defend the country.

Therefore, the celebration of *Pahlawan* Day is not just an annual event or an official ceremony. It is a platform to cultivate gratitude, commemorate the services of the warriors and instill awareness that the peace enjoyed today has a valuable price.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today, our struggle is still not over. The enemy no longer comes with weapons, but with the poison of thoughts, racial division, moral decay and hatred of our religion. We must instill the value of patriotism and religious awareness, especially in our younger generation so that our religion, nation and country can be defended. Do not let future generations be ignorant of our history, forget the services of our heroes or belittle the sacrifices of past generations.

Ibn Khaldun emphasized that the strength of a nation depends on the unity of its people. When division, hostility and betrayal are rampant, the nation will become weak and easily controlled by others.

Let us be reminded that maintaining the peace, sovereignty and unity of the country is an *amanah* (trust). Therefore, it is the duty of every Muslim to safeguard this *amanah* with a full sense of responsibility and conviction.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On this occasion, let us all pray to Allah the Almighty to bestow blessings on our heroes who fight and serve for the sake of the religion, nation and country and to make us His servants who are always grateful for the blessings of peace and appreciate the services of our heroes.

Several lessons can be learned from today's *khutbah* (sermon), including:

- First: The peace, stability and prosperity that we enjoy today are the result of the struggles and sacrifices of previous generations and are a valuable gift that we should be grateful for.
- Second: Every level of our society must always strengthen their religious beliefs and unity because the strength of a country depends on the identity of its people.
- Third: The security and sovereignty of the country are an *amanah* that every Muslim must defend with a full sense of responsibility and conviction.

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فَلْيُقَاتِلْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ الَّذِينَ يَشْرُونَ الْحَيَاةَ الدُّنْيَا بِالْآخِرَةِ وَمَن يُقَاتِلْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ فَيُقْتَلْ أَوْ يَغْلِبْ فَسَوْفَ نُؤْتِيهِ أَجْرًا عَظِيمًا ٧٤

Which means: “Let those of you who are willing to trade the life of this world for the life to come, fight in God’s way. To anyone who fights in God’s way, whether killed or victorious, We shall give a great reward.” (Quran [Surah An-Nisa] 4:74)

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، وَلِسَانِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.