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DEALING WITH EXTREMISM IN PERFORMING *.JIHAAAD*



I would like to remind myself
and all of us. Let us strive to
have the *taqwa* of Allah
Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala by
fulfilling all of His
Commands and avoiding

all of His prohibitions. Indeed, the *taqwa* of Allah will drive us to become vigilant in all of our actions and deeds. The true *taqwa* will make us very cautious and worried about the

consequences of our wrongdoings, whether it involves the rights of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala*, and also the rights of humans as the slaves of Allah.

On this blessed day, let us
ponder upon the *khutbah*
entitled: “*Dealing With*
Extremism In Performing
Jihad.”

Abu Hurayrah
radiyAllaahu ‘anh reported
Rasulullah (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) as saying:
“By Him in Whose Hand is
my life, the world would not
come to an end until a day
would come to the

people on which the murderer would not know as to why he has killed and the slain would not know as to why he has been murdered. It would be said: “Why would it

happen?” To which he replied: “It would be because of general massacre and bloodshed (*al-Harj*).” And the slaughterers and the slain would be in Fire.” (Muslim)

It is a common phenomenon that there will be a large number of deaths when war occurs. Wars during the 20th century had caused millions of lives killed. Today, in the 21st century, war continues to

occur in several nations such as Syria, Iraq, and Palestine, inflicting a significant amount of casualties. What is alarming this time is that it is as if the wars taking place in Iraq and Syria are actually

portraying the contents of those two *ahaadeeth*. We see widespread killing, so much so that the killer does not even know why he needs to kill, and the victim does not know the motive of his

demise. Mankind now would kill as they please. It truly causes great *fitnah* that even between two fighting factions, they would not know who are their allies and who are their enemies.

Such war does not only involve an oppressive government and its victims. Moreover, it also involves external parties and world superpower that have actually pre-planned wars in

reaping the profits from the rich natural resources, to increase their influence, controlling West Asian countries, protecting Israel's interest, and creating new markets for the military

industry. In such scenario, we have witnessed the rising of numerous groups from all over the globe to partake in those wars. These ongoing wars that keep dragging for years have triggered the birth

of militant groups such as the Free Syrian Army (FSA), Ansar Sunnah, Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), and many others. Their zeal to uphold Islam as a sovereign nation and enthusiasm in

protecting the oppressed in war zones have become the main factors in attracting new recruitments from all walks of life in these wars.

What is of major concern is that some of these high-spirited groups have fallen prey to the trickery that was cunningly planned by the enemies of Islam. This is because military

jihad

requires the comprehension of deep profound knowledge. It is not confined to only the *fiqh* of *jihad*, but also to comprehend matters pertaining international politics and the dark history

of the enemies' deviousness. Al-Qur'an has taught us that military *jihad* necessitates sound knowledge. Hence, strong exuberance and passion alone are insufficient to pursue such noble

endeavor. This can be understood from various texts from al-Qur'an:

1- Allah *Subhaanahu Wata 'aala* did not obligate military *jihad* at a time when the Muslims were

under oppression by their
enemies. There are times where
we are ordained to have *sabr*
and there are times where we
are commanded to fight. Allah

Subhaanahu Wata'aala
mentions in

al-Qur'an:

“Have you not seen those who
were told, “Restrain your
hands [from fighting] and
establish prayer and give
zakaah? ...””

(an-Nisaa' 4:77)

2- *Jihaad* must be led by a righteous leader or its matters to be referred to the Muslim scholars. This is because the army of *jihad* must duly know when to carry on with the fighting,

when a truce should be accepted, how to treat the prisoners and war booty, and how to uphold the rulings after attaining victory. All these were provided as guidelines from textual

evidences in al-Qur'an and *ahaadeeth*. For this reason, Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* had chosen Taloot as the commander due to his intelligence and physical strength.

Allah Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala
mentions in al-Qur’ān:

“...He [their prophet] said,
“Indeed, Allah has chosen him
[Taloot] over you and has
increased him

abundantly in knowledge and stature. And Allah gives His sovereignty to whom He wills.

And Allah is all-

Encompassing [in favor] and
Knowing.””

(al-Baqarah 2:247)

3- The Muslims partaking in military *jihad* must be fully equipped with sufficient sound knowledge. Allah *Subhaanahu Wata 'aala* reminds us in al-Qur'an:

“And it is not for the

believers to go forth [to battle] all at once. For there should separate from every division of them a group [remaining] to obtain understanding in the religion and warn their

people when they return to
them that they might be
cautious.”

(at-Tawbah 9:122)

Ignorance in the *fiqh* of *jihaad* will lead the Muslim army to commit acts that will further worsen the situation. This is because circumstances on the battlefield may cause the

enemies to resort to various tactics to weaken the Muslims.

The long history of clashes between Islam and Western powers truly has caused them to constantly attempt to prevent the

inevitable rise of Islam. Among their main measures in obstructing this revivalism is by preventing the Muslims from obtaining the complete and wholesome Islamic education and knowledge.

There are various evidences that manifests clear intervention of the West in the Islamic educational system including those in prominent universities within the Muslim world.

Their next measure is to effectively leverage on the weakness between the two opposing ends within the Muslim *ummah*, namely the liberals and the extremists. The liberals are very loose

with the Islamic teachings,
hence their weakness has caused
to them to be easily susceptible
to foreign ideologies and
inclined to liberalism,
democracy, religious pluralism,
and

others. They would accept a portion of Islamic teachings that are simple common sense, but would reject and isolate other aspects.

For the extremists, it is their strong zeal and love for Islam but devoid of sound comprehension. Their ignorance is manipulated to portray a negative image of Islam to the global

community. They would perform *jihad* without fully understanding its *fiqh*, hence their hastiness in their pursuit of upholding Islam. They would instill Islamic laws without adhering to its

actual conditions and procedures. Both of these groups are subtly funded by the West without their own realization. Both of these groups are needed by the West to hinder true Islam

from flourishing. In result, the strife amongst Muslims continues to persist if we remain aloof to this dirty game.

Islam teaches us to remain in moderation even on the battlefield. In one narration collected by Imaam Muslim and Imaam Abu Dawood *rahimahumullaah*, it was reported that Usaamah bin

Zayd along with an Ansaari
companion

radiyAllaahu ‘anhu had
encircled an enemy combatant,
who then quickly uttered, “*Laa
ilaaha illAllaah.*” This caused
the

Ansaari companion to abandon
his pursuit upon the enemy.

However, Usaamah continued
to attack the enemy with his
spear and killed him. When the
matter reached Rasulullah

(صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم), he

became furious and inquired:

“Did you kill him after he

uttered ‘*Laa ilaaha illAllaah*’?”

Usaamah replied saying that the

man had only professed it to

save his own life. But he (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)

kept

repeating his words: “Did you kill him after he uttered ‘*Laa ilaaha illAllaah*?’” This made Usaamah truly regretted his actions.

This *hadeeth* indicated that *jihad* necessitates the full comprehension of its *fiqh*. Fiery spirit that is not accompanied with knowledge will spur a rigid and extreme approach as

manifested by the *khawaarij*
in the history of this *ummah*.

Such *khawaarij*-like
characteristics are as follows:

- 1- Easily declaring *takfeer* (excommunicate) upon anyone who is not upon their cause.
- 2- Declaring war upon those who do not accept them regardless of their

background and reasons for
rejecting them.

3- Using textual evidences from
al-Qur'an as their proofs
literally (*zhaahir*) without
referring to its explanation from
ahaadeeth

and commentaries by Muslim scholars.

The existence of these extremists has actually been prophesized by Rasulullah ﷺ even before their actual existence.

In a *hadeeth* narrated by Abu
Sa‘eed al-Khudri

radiyAllaahu ‘anh, he had heard
Rasulullah (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) say:

“A group of people will
appear among you whose
prayer, fasting and deeds

will make you think little of your own prayer, fasting and deeds. They will recite the Qur'an, but it will not get past their throats, and they will pass through the *deen* like an arrow passes

through game. You look at the arrowhead, and you see nothing, and you look at the shaft, and you see nothing, and you look at the flights, and you see nothing.

**And you are in doubt about
the notch.”**

(al-Bukhaari, Ahmad, and Maalik)

In concluding today’s *khutbah*,
let us altogether resort to these
very measures:

1- It is incumbent upon the Muslim *ummah* to comprehend that Islam teaches its adherents to remain moderate, with humility amongst Muslims, and firm upon the

disbelieving (*kuffaar*) enemies
of Islam.

2- The Muslim *ummah* must
enhance their knowledge
pertaining to *jihaad* and the true
Islamic way of life, especially
those related to

jihad. It is these two matters that have seemingly vanished from extremist groups, causing them to incite enmity amongst Muslims. Therefore, the Muslim *ummah* must remain

vigilant upon such trait and approach by delving into sciences relating to al-Qur'an, *hadeeth*, and *fiqh* of *jihad*.

3- The Muslim *ummah* must strengthen their *imaan* and uphold Islam with authentic knowledge.

4- The first step for the Muslim *ummah* is to aid by providing assistance both

financially and making *du‘aa* for the war victims.

5- We must never become easily influenced by the propaganda of *jihad* that is extreme.

“O you who have believed,
when you go forth [to fight] in
the cause of Allah, investigate;
and do not say to one who
gives you [a greeting of] peace
“You are not a believer,”
aspiring for

the goods of worldly life; for
with Allah are many
acquisitions. You [yourselves]
were like that before; then
Allah conferred His favor
upon you, so investigate.

**Indeed Allah is ever, with
what you do, Acquainted.”**
(an-Nisaa’ 4:94)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَإِيَّاکُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْأَيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ
وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ
الْعَلِيُّمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيْمَ
لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ
وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ
وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

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* especially in Selangor, as an advanced state, prosperous, and providing welfare.

**Hence, we sincerely beseech
you, O Allah, strengthen our
imaan, accept our deeds,
strengthen our unity, increase
our *rizq*, enrich us with
beneficial knowledge, cultivate
our soul with good mannerisms,**

**return us to the path that you
are pleased with, protect us
from disasters and your severe
trials, so that our nation will
become more peaceful and filled
with blessings.**

O Allah, we sincerely beseech you, strengthen our beliefs according to the creed of *Ahlus Sunnah wal-Jamaa‘ah*, and protect us from deeds and ‘aqeedah that are astray such as the extreme *Shee‘is*, *Qadiyani*, and other ideologies.

O Allah, open up our hearts in fulfilling the five daily prayers, performing *zakaat*, and other obligations. Bless those that have fulfilled their *zakaat* and loving the *fuqaraa'* and *masaakin*, and those that have

made *waqf* and gave up their wealth for the *Tabung Amanah Pembangunan Islam Selangor* (Islamic Development Trust Fund of Selangor) with continuous reward until the Day of Judgment.



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