



The Nation is a trust The First Khutbah

All praises are due to Allah, the Most noble, the Most generous, who has given us love for our homeland, wherein our hearts find peace. I bear witness there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah, the Uniquely One, having no partner in that One-ness. And I bear witness that our Leader and Sayyid, our Prophet, Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him), is the perfect example of servanthood unto Allah, and is His sent Messenger unto the entirety of the created universe. I advise you and myself with the Taqwa of Allah, for Allah has said:

وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الْمُتَّقِينَ

And fear Allah and know that Allah is with those who fear Him. [Quran: ٢:١٩٤]

O Believers: The Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) used to supplicate to Allah that He instill in him love for his homeland, saying:

اللَّهُمَّ حَبِّبْ إِلَيْنَا الْمَدِينَةَ، كَمَا حَبَبْتَ إِلَيْنَا مَكَّةَ أَوْ أَشَدَّ

"O Allah! Make us love Medina as You made us love Mecca, or more" [Bukhari: ٦٣٧٢]

Why should there not be such love? For there is a place of affection for the homeland in souls that cannot be described by words. One of the wise men was once asked: "How can the loyalty of a man be known without subjecting him to trials and tests?" He responded by

saying: "By seeing the degree of his longing and love for his homeland. This is because the nation is a means by which religion, money, and honor is preserved. So, whoever does not love that their homeland be a place of stability does not love the ease of practicing their religion, the safeguarding of their wealth, and the preservation of their honor. In short, without a homeland there is no stability in life."

So dear brothers, let us note that Allah has gifted us a precious homeland, one in which honor is preserved and rights are upheld. The fact that we can live in such a nation should not be taken for granted, for it has been given to us as a trust. This is a trust that those living in such a nation have inherited from the efforts of its forefathers, and as such it is an obligation that those living in it must strive to preserve. Such preservation entails that we take care of the nation's capabilities and its acquisitions and be willing to give of both the expensive and the poor in seeking to raise its status. It also entails a response to its call, that if need be there be a willingness to defend its land and skies, and a striving to ensure its stability, as well as supporting its development in scientific, technological, and other intellectual endeavors. This should all be done so we can pass this weighty trust to the future generations, without being negligent or wasting of this trust. For it is in such a manner that we can hope to bear truth to the words of our Lord about those He describes as:

وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ لِأَمَانَاتِهِمْ وَعَهْدِهِمْ رَاعُونَ

And they who are to their trusts and their promises attentive. [Quran: ٢٣:٨]

From such loyalty to one's homeland is that we remember its bounties and renew our love towards it and that we supplicate for its safety and security as the Prophet Ibrahim (peace and blessings be upon him) is reported to have supplicated by saying: **الْبَلَدَ آمِنًا رَبِّ اجْعَلْ هَذَا**

"My Lord, make this a secure city and provide its people with fruits" [Quran: ٢:١٢٦]

In similar manner our Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) made supplication for Madinah saying:

اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ لَنَا فِي مَدِينَتِنَا

O Allah, bless us in our town [Madinah].
[Bukhari and Muslim]

So, O Allah preserve and protect our homeland, and assist us in fulfilling this trust, aid us through Your aid, O Lord of all the worlds. I say this, and seek your forgiveness for myself and for you, so seek His forgiveness, indeed He is the most forgiving, most merciful.

The Second Khutbah

All praises are due to Allah, the One, and peace and blessings upon the Prophet after whom there is no other, and upon his companions and those that follow him.

O Believers: What this nation enjoys in terms of prosperity, and stability necessitates that we give thanks to the bounties of Allah. In this gratitude we should also thank the means that brought this about. This means we should thank the efforts of our elders, our forefathers, be they grandparents and parents, for they are the ones who toiled and sweated on our behalf. In turn, our role today

should be to likewise do our best to preserve their gains, and to add to what they have built in terms of constructing a noteworthy civilization. For Allah (glorified be He) says:

فَمَنْ يَعْمَلْ مِنَ الصَّالِحَاتِ وَهُوَ مُؤْمِنٌ فَلَا كُفْرَانَ لِسَعْيِهِ وَإِنَّا لَهُ

كَاتِبُونَ

So whoever does righteous deeds while he is a believer - no denial will there be for his effort, and indeed We, of it, are recorders.[Quran: ٢١:٩٤]

Indeed, the raising of daughters and sons such that they love their homeland, are loyal to it, and protect its land, and take on its responsibilities is a noble approach. We should deepen this in their hearts, and implant it in their souls.

And with this, let us send our prayers and blessings upon the best of those who had a good opinion of Allah, our master, our Prophet, Muhammad. May Allah send His peace and blessings upon him, upon his family, his companions, all of them. O Allah protect our homeland, raise its status and spread happiness and remove strife from amongst its people. You are our and its Lord and our and its protector. O Allah raise from us and the entire world, this plague, with your grace and your gentleness, O Allah.

O Allah, grant success to the UAE President HH Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, to the Vice-President, the Crown Prince and his Brothers, their Highnesses, the Rulers of the Emirates. and guide them to all that is good and what pleases You. O Allah: Bestow your mercy on the late Sheikh Zayed, Sheikh Maktoum and the other late UAE Sheikhs who have passed on to Your

mercy. We ask you to admit them into Paradise by Your grace.

O Allah have mercy on the martyrs, and grant their families with patience and a great reward. And have mercy, our Lord, upon our fathers and mothers, and upon whoever has a right upon us. And continue perpetuating blessings and bounties upon the UAE. O Allah, confer upon us Your blessings and do not make us from those who despair. O Allah, bless us, bless us, bless us. O Allah: Give us in this life that which is beautiful and in the next life that which is beautiful, and save us from the fire. Stand up for prayer.