

UAE Union Day “National Day”

First Sermon

All praise is due to Allah, Who has bestowed abundant blessings upon us, united our hearts, and strengthened our homeland through the Union.

We bear witness that there is no god but Allah, and we bear witness that our Prophet Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah and the Seal of the Prophets. May Allah send His peace and blessings upon him, his family, his companions, and all those who follow him.

To proceed: I advise you, O servants of Allah, and myself, to observe Taqwa of Allah. As He, the Exalted in His Highness, says:

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ. وَاعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا﴾.

"O you who have believed, fear Allah as He should be feared and do not die except as Muslims [in submission to Him]. And hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided^(١)."



O servants of Allah: Indeed, the homeland has shining milestones and memorable days that stand as lasting symbols of determination, will, excellence, and leadership. Among the most majestic of these days in our history is the day of the establishment of the Union of the United Arab Emirates.

That day shaped the history of a nation and built for it a continuous glory; it changed the course of life and wrote a new chapter titled: Unity and Stability, Progress and Prosperity. So, **{Remember the favor of Allah upon you^(٢)}. اذْكُرُوا نِعْمَةَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ**.

This land lived through harsh conditions in all aspects before the Union, but Allah transformed them by His grace and granted us goodness through His generosity. This occurred after the emergence of a leader of profound wisdom, far-sighted vision, and strong will: Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, may Allah rest his soul in peace.

He devoted himself entirely to the cause of the Union, believing in the words of his Lord:



**{And do not dispute and [thus] lose courage and [then]
your strength would depart^(٣) }**

﴿وَلَا تَنَازَعُوا فَتَفْشَلُوا وَتَذْهَبَ رِيحُكُمْ﴾،

And His saying, Exalted is He:

{And cooperate in righteousness and piety^(٤) }.

﴿وَتَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْبِرِّ وَالتَّقْوَى﴾

He - Sheikh Zayed- strove diligently to unify the word and close the ranks. The founding leaders answered his call, and thus their resolve was united. Allah looked upon the sincerity of their intentions and the steadfastness of their determination in their pursuit of their people's happiness and their nation's glory. Thus, He granted them success and facilitated the means of achievement for them. True are the words of Allah when He says: ﴿إِنْ يَعْلَمِ اللَّهُ فِي قُلُوبِكُمْ خَيْرًا يُؤْتِكُمْ خَيْرًا﴾،

**{If Allah knows [any] good in your hearts, He will give you
good^(٥) }**

And so, the bond of the blessed Union was completed, the Union of the United Arab Emirates. Thus, Sheikh Zayed, may



Allah rest his soul in peace, and his brothers among the Founding Leaders were keys to goodness for this land.

The saying of the Prophet was proven true concerning them:

«إِنَّ هَذَا الْخَيْرَ خَزَائِنُ، وَلِتِلْكَ الْخَزَائِنِ مَفَاتِيحُ، فَطُوبَى لِعَبْدٍ جَعَلَهُ
اللَّهُ مِفْتَاحًا لِلْخَيْرِ مَغْلَقًا لِلشَّرِّ»

"Indeed, this goodness consists of treasures, and those treasures have keys. So, blessed is a servant whom Allah has made a key to goodness and a lock against evil^(٦)."

Allah completed His favour upon the people of the Emirates {And brought together their hearts. If you had spent all that is in the earth, you could not have brought their hearts together; but Allah brought them together^(٧)}.

﴿وَأَلَّفَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِهِمْ لَوْ أَنْفَقْتَ مَا فِي الْأَرْضِ جَمِيعًا مَا أَلَّفْتَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِهِمْ، وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ أَلَّفَ بَيْنَهُمْ﴾

Consequently, the march of development began, conditions changed, and the dream transformed into a nation renowned for its progress, achievements, and leadership in all fields. Mosques spread, schools and universities were constructed,

hospitals were built, security prevailed, and the people found happiness.

Today, the United Arab Emirates has become a towering symbol in the fields of civilization, innovation, space exploration, humanitarian work, and generosity. So, reflect upon the greatness of Allah's blessing

**{And be grateful to Allah if it is [indeed] Him that you
worship^(٨) }.**

﴿وَأَشْكُرُوا لِلَّهِ إِن كُنتُمْ إِيَّاهُ تَعْبُدُونَ﴾

Following the path of the founding leaders and their steadfast legacy, the United Arab Emirates continues forward under the leadership of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed, may Allah preserve him, becoming an inspiring model of national harmony, social cohesion, and the sustainable continuation of a sound and prosperous journey. This is reflected in its dignity and strength, the ambition of its vision, and the unique paternal bond between the people and their wise leadership, a bond reflected in sincere affection, mutual support, and



continuous prayers. Thus, the saying of our Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) came true among us:

«خِيَارُ أئِمَّتِكُمُ الَّذِينَ تُحِبُّونَهُمْ وَيُحِبُّونَكُمْ، وَيُصَلُّونَ عَلَيْكُمْ وَتُصَلُّونَ عَلَيْهِمْ».

"The best of your leaders are those whom you love and who love you, who pray for you, and you pray for them^(٩)." Meaning: they supplicate for you, and you supplicate for them.

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَأُولِي الْأَمْرِ مِنْكُمْ﴾.

{O you who have believed, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you^(١٠).}

I say these words of mine and seek Allah's forgiveness for me and for you, so ask His forgiveness.

The Second Sermon:

All praise is due to Allah alone, and peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad after whom there is no Prophet.

To proceed: O people of the Emirates: Indeed, the sun of the Union has risen, and with it, all goodness has risen. So, honor

the blessing of the Union and grant it the esteem it deserves, thank your Lord for it, and uphold its trust.

Remember that it did not come about except through the sincerity of men, the determination of leaders, and the patience of years. For the Union is a covenant, loyalty, and fidelity.

﴿وَأَوْفُوا بِالْعَهْدِ إِنَّ الْعَهْدَ كَانَ مَسْئُولًا﴾

{And fulfill the covenant; indeed, the covenant will be questioned^(١١).}

Work for your nation in a manner worthy of the history of the forefathers, and one that honors the future of the children.

Be “كَالْبُنْيَانِ يَشُدُّ بَعْضُهُ بَعْضًا”

"Like a solid structure, one part strengthening the other^(١٢)" in facing challenges.

Uphold your values and identity. Instill in the souls of your children fidelity to the Emirates and loyalty to its leadership. Strive for mastery in your work, preserve the achievements of your nation, be refined models of character, shining examples of tolerance and generosity.



Know that the homeland is a responsibility placed upon your shoulders, and the Emirates is a trust committed to your care. So, exert your utmost effort in its service. And do not forget that this land was watered with the blood of righteous martyrs, those who gave their lives to illuminate the path of honor for future generations. They pledged to Allah, their homeland, and their leadership, and they were true to their pledge.

**{Among the believers are men true to what they promised
Allah.^(١٣)}**

﴿مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ رِجَالٌ صَدَقُوا مَا عَاهَدُوا اللَّهَ عَلَيْهِ﴾،

Indeed, our martyrs are alive in our hearts,

{Alive with their Lord, receiving provision^(١٤).}

﴿أَحْيَاءٌ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ يُرْزَقُونَ﴾،

So, blessed are they with the giving of their Lord. The Almighty

said: ﴿وَالشَّهَدَاءُ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ لَهُمْ أَجْرُهُمْ وَنُورُهُمْ﴾

**{And the martyrs, with their Lord, will have their reward
and their light^(١٥).}**

O Allah, accept our martyrs, bless the union of our Emirates, and perpetuate the harmony of our hearts and the unity of our word.



O Allah, send peace and blessings upon our Master and Prophet Muhammad, the Seal of the Messengers, and upon his family, his companions, and the followers. **O Allah**, be pleased with Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman, and Ali, and with all the noble Companions.

O Allah, make us believers in You and worshippers of You. Make us upholders of the rights of the Union, fulfillers of its covenant, and preservers of it, and make us dutiful to our parents; have mercy upon them as they raised us when we were young, O Most Merciful of the merciful.

O Allah, preserve the United Arab Emirates with Your protection, encompass it with Your care, and surround it with Your providence, O Lord of the Worlds. **O Allah**, preserve Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed, the President of the State, and grant him continued wisdom and sound judgment. Grant success to him, his Deputies, his brothers the Rulers of the Emirates, and his trustworthy Crown Prince, to that which You love and are pleased with. **O Allah, have mercy upon the Sheikhs of the Union and its leaders.** O Allah, have mercy



upon Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, Sheikh Rashid bin Saeed Al Maktoum, Sheikh Khalid bin Muhammad Al Qasimi, Sheikh Rashid bin Humaid Al Nuaimi, Sheikh Ahmad bin Rashid Al Mualla, Sheikh Muhammad bin Hamad Al Sharqi, Sheikh Saqr Al Qasimi, and all the Sheikhs of the Emirates who have passed on to Your mercy. Admit them, by Your grace, into Your spacious Gardens. And encompass the martyrs of the nation with Your mercy and forgiveness.

O Allah, have mercy upon the Muslim men and Muslim women, the living among them and the dead. **O Allah**, O You of Vast Mercy and Great Bounty, grant us rain and do not make us among those who despair.

O Allah, grant us relief! O Allah, grant us relief! O Allah, grant us relief! **O Allah**, we seek Your forgiveness; indeed, You are the Perpetual Forgiver. So, send down rain from the sky upon us in abundant showers. **O Allah**, grant us a relieving, wholesome, and beneficial rain. Revive the land thereby, have mercy upon the servants thereby, and make it a source of strength and sufficiency for a time.



Servants of Allah: Remember Allah, the Great and Majestic, and He will remember you. Thank Him for His blessings, and He will increase you. And establish the prayer.

(١) Al Imran: ١٠٢-١٠٣.

(٢) Al-Ahzab: ٩

(٣) Al-Anfal: ٤٦.

(٤) Al-Ma'idah: ٢

(٥) Al-Anfal: ٧٠.

(٦) Ibn Majah: ٢٣٨

(٧) Al-Anfal: ٦٣

(٨) Al-Baqarah: ١٧٢.

(٩) Muslim.

(١٠) An-Nisa: ٥٩

(١١) Al-Isra: ٣٤

(١٢) Agreed Upon.

(١٣) Al-Ahzab: ٢٣.

(١٤) Al Imran: ١٦٩.

(١٥) Al-Hadid: ١٩