

Brothers and sisters,

It gives me pleasure to meet you here at these decisive moments. I would have liked very much to go to you myself in appreciation of your stand, but, anyhow, your invitation still remains. In my talk with your brothers and our sons, the members of the Armed Forces, on Tuesday and Wednesday last, I told them about the battle of the hour. I summed up my talk that we must proceed along three parallel paths in this battle.

First : The military build up which changed the balances of power in the battle today. It was the factor which made our enemy, and particularly the United States, endeavour to find out a solution due to the change in the balance of military power.

Second : The political path; with the same strength in which we are moving in the military build up we must not neglect political action either on a foreign or Arab level, or at any other level, though we believe that the military build up is the major and most essential aspect.

Third : This must be exactly parallel to the previous two paths, it is the building of the modern state. When we speak about building the modern state our starting point must be directed to the building of the individual and that is why I insisted on science and faith as basic requisites.

We will not be able to build the individual except through a society in which family spirit and full freedom prevail. Full freedom will not be realised except under the supremacy of the law. Therefore, I declare that while we are marching along the third path we must do so parallel to the other two paths.

I want you to take part with me in laying down the guarantees which will realise security, assurance, justice and freedom for the people within the limits of the higher interest of the homeland. I want you to collaborate with me, because this is your path, and I will explain all this in a few days time. Before I conclude my speech I would like to direct, to everyone of you and to your brothers the lawyers, my utmost thanks and gratitude for this awareness and this stand which you adopt for the sake of your country. I will always remember the time when I stood in court as a defendant and you were defending me. You performed your duty

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on that day as marvellously as the principles of
justice should be applied. Let us start together
to perform our duty towards the society we aspire
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May God guide your steps.

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