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# Love of Country is a Source of Security and the Japan-Russia Campaign

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### Summary:

From the official Ottoman Turkish newspaper of the Committee of Union and Progress (CUP), Şûra-yı Ümmet, the author of this article blamed the Ottoman Sultan for endangering the Empire by traitorously suppressing Ottoman patriotism, which was a subtle critique of the Sultan's oppressive policy of exile and/or execution of dissidents. The author contrasted this with the Japanese people's dedicated love of homeland.&nbsp;

### Original Language:

Ottoman Turkish

### Contents:

Translation - English

**Love of Country is a Source of Security and the Japan-Russia Campaign ( *Hubb ül-Vatan min ül-Amân ve Japonya-Rus Seferi* )**

...[W]e should take note of Japan, this nation which has become rivals with the Great Powers in thirty to forty years. One should pay attention to that - that a nation not separating patriotic public spirit and the good of the homeland from its life is surely such that [though] sustaining wounds, setting against any type of danger that threatens its existence, it certainly preserves its national independence. The Japanese successes of Port Arthur...are a product of this patriotic zeal. Behold the fruits of [Japanese] zeal are such that while the Russians had been third among nations in terms of navy, their defeats erased them from among the number of great naval states....

Turks and all Ottomans, do not forget that the enemy of your life, the enemy of your future is that calamitous evil that destroys the homes of your *patrie*, your lands, putting confidence in this deceptive duplicity and intrigue more so than in force of arms. Because like the Japanese, forced to take up arms when necessary, if we do not learn what it is to "taste of the homeland," we must know well that we will be condemned afterwards to be servants, captives, or slaves. It is by our cry of "homeland" every day that makes [patriotic] affection everlasting in our hearts, preventing this captivity....Knowing well that the enemy that pretends to be one of us, that gnaws at the homeland, is inside, in the palace, more than it is abroad, let us cooperate and strive together just for the sake of our country, like the Japanese.