One urges to learn courage and heroism from the events from the past on the Black Coffee Evening

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"Today, we symbolically commemorate 14 cadets, young boys, of the Military School fallen during the Latvian War of Independence, who died for their country. They fell in a battle lost, but they did not lack either courage or heroism, and that exactly influenced the outcome of the entire war, as the Bermondt army was evicted from Latvia," said President of Latvia Raimonds Vējonis on the Black Coffee Evening taking place at the National Defence Academy of Latvia today.

The President of Latvia said that we could learn the love of homeland, invincible spirit, and confident heart from the events from the past. "And I am confident that no one leader or commander can and will ever be able to command the Latvian soldiers to give up our country without a fight nowadays," stressed Raimonds Vējonis.

The President of Latvia admitted that current young cadets could immediately start with learning, growth, and self-perfection by avoiding the bloody experience of the cadets in 1919.

"Excellent trained officers are the backbone of our armed forces. Therefore, it is important that you support each other especially in daily training, daily tests. Then disciplined routine and team spirit will guide you through the years at school, and the Latvian army will always be vigilant about our national security reliably and convincingly," mentioned Raimonds Vējonis.

The President of Latvia confirmed that Latvia would continue to be a reliable ally for anyone who advocated the same democratic values whereon our country was based. He also welcomed the fact that the allies of Latvia, cadets from Lithuania and Norway, also commemorated the heroes on the Black Coffee Evening, and he invited the present students of the Grammar School of Pļaviņas Region to consider the choice of a military career.

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