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Glossary and Abbreviations

In the following listing, Indonesian and English terms are given without any explanatory tag to indicate the language in question. In the case of words, phrases and abbreviations from other languages or from Islamic belief, an explanatory tag has been added. It goes without saying that many Javanese terms have found their way into the Indonesian language; in those cases, no tag is added. The following designators are used:

D Dutch Jp Japanese Isl Islamic Jv Javanese

abangan Those who, while nominally Muslim, follow a

syncretic Javanese religion in which elements of animism, Hinduism or Buddhism co-exist

or predominate

ABRI Angkatan Bersenjata Republik Indonesia; Armed

Forces of the Republic of Indonesia

adat custom, tradition, customary law

adik, dik younger brother

agama religion

agama Jawa Javanese religion, also known as kepercayaan

or, more commonly, kebatinan; a varying mix of Hindu, Buddhist, Islamic and animist elements

alarmpositie (D) defensive circle formed by KNIL patrol when

under attack by an indigenous enemy. Known

also as sikap awas

Allah God

Allahu Akbar (Isl) God is Great

aliran [social] stream or current

alon-alon asal kelakon (Jv) slow but sure

AMS (D) Algemeene Middelbare School; General Inter-

mediate School; Dutch-medium senior high

school

anak buah younger associate, follower

anak haram illegitimate child

anak kolong army child, someone born in the barracks

anak mas favoured child, pupil, follower

ANRI Arsip Nasional Republik Indonesia; National

Archives of the Republic of Indonesia

ARA (D) Algemeen Rijksarchief; General State Archives
ARD (D) Algemene Recherche Dienst; General Inves-

tigation Bureau

asrama, ashrama dormitory; live-in training centre

Astana Giri Bangun Soeharto family mausoleum in Central Java

bahasa language

Bahasa Indonesia Indonesian language

Bakin Badan Koordinasi Intelijen Negara; State

Intelligence Coordination Board

bapak father, patron, leader, form of address to an

older man

barisan front, paramilitary corps

Barisan Hizbullah Army of God; paramilitary force designed to

harness Islamic support behind the Japanese

Beppan (Jp) Special intelligence section of the Japanese

Sixteenth Army

binta (Jp) slap a person on the face; box a person's ears

boryaku (Jp) clandestine operations

BPM (D) Bataafse Petroleum Maatschappij; Batavia

Petroleum Company.

Budi Utomo Noble Endeavour; society which sought to

promote the study of Javanese culture and achieve improved access to Western education

Buitengewesten (D) Outer Islands bundan (Jp) military squad

bundancho (Jp) Peta squad leader, or NCO bupati regent, head of a kabupaten

Butir-Butir Budaya Jawa Seeds of Javanese Culture; a compendium of

Javanese moral guidance

camat subdistrict head

Chian-bu (Jp) Public Security Section of the Military Admin-

istration Department

Chikutai Shireibu (Jp) regional "headquarters" for Peta units chudan, chudancho (Jp) company, company commander

chui (Jp) first lieutenant

Cina derogatory term for China, Chinese

Comintern Communist International; a body established by

the Russians in March 1919 after the Boshevik Revolution to foster, and closely monitor, com-

munist revolutions

controleur (D) a lower level Dutch official

CORO (D) Corps Opleiding Reserve-Officieren; Reserve

Officers Training Corps

CPM Corps Polisi Militer; Military Police Corps

daerah territory

Daerah Istimewa Yogyakarta Special Territory of Yogyakarta daidan, daidancho (Jp) battalion, battalion commander

Darul Islam Abode of Islam; movement which sought to

create an Islamic state in Indonesia

Defensiegrondslagen (D) Defence Foundations; Dutch policy paper

desa village

desascholen local village schools, also known as people's

schools (volksscholen)

domin (Jp) the natives

Drs. (D) Doctorandus; equivalent of an MA, not, as is

widely supposed, a PhD

DSD Defence Signals Directorate; now the Australian

Signals Directorate, ASD.

dukuh (dhukuh) hamlet

dukun shaman, spiritual healer

dukun bayi midwife

EIPW The Encyclopedia of Indonesia in the Pacific War
ELS (D) Europeas Lagere School; European Lower School.

Colonial-era elementary school where students were given seven years schooling with Dutch

as the medium of instruction

f, fl. Dutch florins/guilders

G-30-S Gerakan 30 September; September 30th Movement;

Indonesian Government term for the failed 1965

"coup" attempt

gamelan (Jv) Javanese gong-and-chime orchestra

garnizoenbataljons (D) garrison "battalions"

GHS (D) Geneeskundige Hogeschool; pre-war medical

faculty in Batavia (Jakarta)

genjumin (Jp) native; discriminatory Japanese word for pribumi,

akin to the Dutch inlander

giyu (Jp) volunteer army, militia

Giyugun (Jp) Volunteer Force. Abbreviation of Jawa Boei

Giyugun (Java Volunteer Defence Force), the

Japanese name for Peta

Giyugun Gakari (Jp) section in charge of the Peta in a Japanese

battalion

Giyugun Shidobu (Jp) Planning Department for the Guidance of the

Java Volunteer Defence Force

Giyugun Shireibu (Jp)

Peta headquarters envisaged by the Japanese
Giyugun Shitsu (Jp)

Regional office of the Giyugun Shidobu

GPH (Jv) Gusti Pangeran Haryo; high aristocratic title

guna-guna black magic

gunpyo (Jp) Japanese military scrip

Gunseibu (Jp) Military Administration Department

Gunseikan (Jp) Military Administrator

Gunseikanbu (Jp) Military Administrator's Department
gunzoku (Jp) Japanese civilian in military employment

haj (Isl) pilgrimage to Mecca

haji (Isl) Muslim who has made the pilgrimage to Mecca

halal (Isl) allowed, permitted halus, alus refined, pure, equisite

Hamengku Buwono (Jv) "Protector of the World"; part of the full name

of the Sultan of Yogyakarta

hancho (Jp) squad leader

harta (Jv) money, wealth, property

HBS (D) Hogere Burger School; Higher Civil School;

Dutch-medium high school which prepared

students for higher education

heiho (Jp) Indonesian auxiliary soldier attached to Japanese

Army unit

heiki bundancho (Jp) ordnance squad leader

HIK (D) Hollandsch-Inlandsche Kweekschool; Teacher's

Training College for Natives; school providing a six-year course of training for HIS teachers

HIS (D) Hollandsch-Inlandsche School; Dutch-Native

School; Dutch-medium primary school

Hizbul Wathon Boy Scout movement of Muhammadiyah
Hizbullah Army of God; Japanese-trained Muslim para-

military group

HKS (D) Hogere Krijgsschool; Dutch Higher War College ibu, bu mother; also a form of address for an older

woman or one of high standing

ICATS Indonesian Current Affairs Translation Service
ICMI Ikatan Cendekiawan Muslim se-Indonesia; All-

Indonesia Union of Muslim Intellectuals.

IGHQ Imperial General Headquarters; the Japanese

high command unit which linked the Army

and Navy general staffs

Ika Daigaku (Jp) Medical Faculty in Jakarta during the Japanese

occupation

ilmu klenik dubious magical practices, charlatanism

IJN Imperial Japanese NavyIndoIndo-European, Eurasian

Indonesia Raya "Great Indonesia"; national anthem inheems (D) roughly equivalent to "native"

inlander (D) native; Indonesians saw the term as offensive

Insya Allah (Isl) God willing

IPPHOS Indonesia Press Photo Service

ISDV Indische Sociaal-Democratische Vereeniging;

Indies Social Democratic Association

jalan, jl. street

Jawa-gun (Jp) [Japanese] Java Army

for Peta; (Giyugun, for short)

Jawa Boei Giyugun Kanbu Java Volunteer Defence Force Officer Cadet

Renseitai (Jp) Training Centre

Jawa Boei Giyugun Tokusetsu Special Guerrilla Force No. I Task Force

Yugekitai I Go Kinmutai (Jp)

Jawa Hokokai (Jp) Java Service Association. Central political control

organization set up by the Japanese

Jawa no kai (Jp) Java Society

Jemaah Islamiyah Islamic Community; a terrorist organization *joho kyoku* (Jp) Third Bureau of the Japanese Naval General

Staff

junsa (Jp)policemanjunsabucho (Jp)police sergeantjunsacho (Jp)senior policeman

kabupaten regency, administrative district

Kaigun (Jp) [Imperial Japanese] Navy

Kaigun Bukanfu (Jp) [Wartime Japanese] Navy Liaison Office [in

[akarta]

Kaigun Minseifu (Jp) Navy Civil Government

Kaikyo Seinen Teishintai (Jp) Islamic Youth Volunteer Corps; Japanese-

sponsored militia unit known in Indonesia as

Hizbullah.

kain cloth, material, sarong

kampung village, or neighbourhood for poorer urban

workers

kanto seishin (Jp) offensive spirit

kasar uncivilized, coarse, rude

kebatinan Javanese spiritualism, religion, mysticism; also

known as kepercayaan

Keibodan (Jp) Japanese-sponsored civil defence Vigilance Corps

keibu (Jp) police inspector

keibuho (Jp) assistant police inspector

Keimu (Jp) Police Affairs Division within the Kenpeitai
Keimubu (Jp) Central police department in the Sixteenth Army

Military Administration Headquarters

keisatsu bucho (Jp) police department

keisatsu shocho (Jp) police station commander

keisatsukan (Jp) policeman

keishi (Jp) police superintendent

kejawen Javanese, Javaneseness, Javanist; a term used for

nominal or non-practising Muslims or *kebatinan* adherents, who see themselves as having an

authentic Javanese identity

kelompok groups or categories
kenpei (Jp) member of the Kenpeitai

kenpeiho (Jp) non-commissioned officer in the Kenpeitai

Kenpeitai (Jp) Japanese Military Police Corps

kepercayaan Javanese mystical beliefs

keras hard, strong, firm

K.H. Kiayi Haji; title or reference to a respected scholar

or Islamic teacher who has made the pilgrimage

to Mecca

KIM (D) Koninklijk Instituut voor de Marine; Royal Naval

Institute

Volkenkunde; Royal Institute for Linguistics,

Geography and Ethnography

kiyai, kyai, kiai Respectful term of address for Islamic teachers

and for revered objects full of supernatural or

spiritual power

KL (D) Koninklijke Landmacht; Royal [Netherlands]

Army

klewang sabre or machete with a broad, curved blade
KM (D) Koninklijke Marine; Royal [Netherlands] Navy
KMA (D) Koninklijke Militaire Academie; Royal

[Netherlands] Military Academy

KNIL (D) Koninklijk Nederlands-Indisch Leger; Royal

Netherlands Indies Army

KNIL-ML (D) KNIL-Militaire Luchtvaartafdeling. Colonial

army air wing; de facto air force

kokutai (Jp) Japan's ostensibly unique "national structure"

Korps Maréchaussée (D) KNIL counter-guerrilla and commando force;

known in Indonesian as marsosé

KPH (Jv) Kanjeng Pangeran Haryo; high aristocratic title KPM (D) Koninklijke Paketvaart Maatschappij; Royal

Mail Steam Packet Company.

kraton (Jv) palace, especially of a Javanese Sultan or

Susuhunan

K.R.A.Y. Kanjeng Ratu Ayu; title of a female member of

the aristocracy

K.R.M.H. (Jv) Kanjeng Raden Mas Haryo; form of address for

high-ranking noble

K.R.M.T. (Jv) Kanjeng Raden Mas Tumenggung; Javanese

nobility title; one level down from prince

kromo (Jv) respectful high Javanese sublanguage used to

and among social superiors

K.R.T. (Jv) Kanjeng Raden Tumenggung; regent

Kwantung Army Japanese force which ran the puppet state of

Manchukuo (Manchuria)

langgar (Isl) prayer house

latihan jiwa spiritual training

LHCMA Liddell Hart Centre for Military Archives, King's

College London

lurah village head, neighbourhood head, boss (coll.)

Mahabharata Hindu epic

malu shame, ashamed, embarrassed, shy

Mandala Command Command for the Liberation of West New Guinea

Mangadeg Foundation body set up at instigation of the Soeharto family

Mangkunegaran subsidiary royal court in Solo

Maréchaussée (D) see Korps Maréchaussée

mas sir, brother; term used to address or refer to

male of similar age; Javanese title below raden

Masyumi Majelis Syuro Muslimin Indonesia; Consultative

Council of Indonesian Muslims; in 1945, trans-

formed itself into a political party

mbah (Jv) 1. In a family relationship: grandmother or

grandfather; 2. term of address to a senior (in

age)

mbak (Jv) 1. In a family relationship: older sister; 2. term

of address to a younger woman who is older than the speaker; 3. in contemporary usage, term of address to a younger woman working

in a shop, hotel, bank, office, etc.

mbok (Jv) ngoko for "mother"; form of address for an older

Javanese woman of modest origin

ménak Sundanese upper priyayi

merdeka free, independent

MOSVIA (D) Middelbare Opleidingsschool voor Inlandsche

Ambtenaren; Secondary Training School for

Native Officials.

MPR Majelis Permusyawaratan Rakyat; People's

Deliberative Assembly

Muhammadiyah "Followers of Muhammad"; Muslim educational

and social welfare association that seeks a purified Islam stripped of local accretions

MULO (D) Meer Uitgebreid Lager Onderwijs; More

Extensive Lower Education, i.e., Lower

Secondary School

NA, NANL (D) Nationaal Archief, National Archives of the

Netherlands

NAA National Archives of Australia Nahdlatul Ulama Council of Islamic Scholars

Nakano Gakko (Jp) Army intelligence school in Tokyo

Nami Kikan (Jp) Wave Agency

Nanpo (Jp) the south, southern region

Nanpogun (Jp) Southern Army Nan'yo (Jp) the South Seas

Ndalem Kalitan (Jv) name of a palace in Solo NEI Netherlands East Indies

ngéngér (Jv) a form of adoption where one lives with relatives

and does chores in return for room and board

ngoko (Jv) low Javanese; speech level used among friends

and family or when speaking to those of lower

social status

NIAS (D) Nederlandsch-Indische Artsen School;

Netherlands Indies Medical School in pre-war

Surabaya

Nihongun (Jp) Japanese military

Nederlands Instituut voor Oorlogs-, Holocaust-NIOD-IC (D)

en Genocidestudies - Indische Collectie; NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide

Studies - Indies Collection

ojo kagetan, ojo gumunan, don't be easily surprised, but remain calm;

ojo gugupan (Jv)

don't be overwhelmed by anything; don't act

haphazardly

ojo dumeh (Jv) be aware of yourself, who you are

East Indies Army; pre-1933 name for the KNIL Oost-Indische leger

orang ngéngér someone reared by better-off relatives

Pak abbreviation of bapak (father); can be used as

a form of address to an older man or as a title

conveying respect

Paku Alam the head of the minor royal court in Yogyakarta

Pakualaman the minor court in Yogyakarta

pamong praja "Guardians of the Realm"; the indigenous

administrative corps

Pancasila Five principles (belief in God, just and civilized

humanitarianism, Indonesian unity, popular sovereignty and social justice) advocated by Sukarno and later adopted as the state

"ideology" or doctrine

pangeran prince

panglima besar supreme commander

pangréh pradja (Jv) "Rulers of the Realm"; indigenous administrative

corps on Java dating from pre-colonial times; known after 1946 as pamong praja ("Guardians

of the Realm")

Partai Komunis Indonesia see PKI
Partai Nasional Indonesia see PNI
pegawai negeri official

pejuang freedom fighter, warrior

Pembela Tanah Air see Peta

pemuda youth; young activist; freedom fighter

peranakan Chinese born in Indonesia, often with some

Indonesian ancestry, who has adopted local

ways

pergerakan Movement, the Movement; anti-Dutch political

activity

perjuangan struggle, fight

pesantren rural Islamic boarding school

Peta Tentara Sukarela Pembela Tanah Air; Fatherland

Volunteer Defence Force; Indonesian name for the Japanese-created Java Volunteer Defence Force (Jawa Boei Giyugun, or simply Giyugun)

PID (D) Politieke Inlichtingendienst; Political Intelligence

Bureau

PKI Perserikatan Kommunist di India; Communist

Association in the Indies. Forerunner of the

Indonesian Communist Party

PKI Partai Komunis Indonesia; Indonesian Com-

munist Party

PNI Partai Nasional Indonesia; Indonesian National

Party

PPKI Panitia Persiapan Kemerdekaan Indonesia;

Committee for the Preparation of Indonesian Independence; known in Japanese as the

Dokuritsu Junbi Iinkai

pribumi indigenous

priyayi The term referred originally to junior members,

in age and rank, of the Javanese royalty and high aristocracy. By the late nineteenth century it had come to mean the salaried officialdom

of Java

PRO Public Record Office of the National Archives,

London

PS Partai Sosialis; Socialist Party

Pusat Rohani Islam (Pusrohis) Indonesian Army's Islamic Spiritual Centre

Qur'an Koran; the holy scripture of Islam

r. reigned

Raden (R.) (Jv) a low nobility title
Raden Bagus (Jv) a low nobility title
rakyat people, the masses

Ramayana Hindu epic from which many Indonesian literary

and other themes are drawn

Ratu Loro Kidul (Jv) Goddess of the South Sea

regu squad

Ridlo [Ridho, Réla] Allah (Jv) "with God's blessing"
rikugun-boeitai (Jp) army defence companies
Rikugun-sho (Jp) Ministry of the Army

R.M. (Jv) Raden Mas; title of minor Javanese nobility

higher than Raden

R.M.T. (Jv) Raden Mas Tumenggung; Javanese title given

to a bupati (regent)

romo (Jv) high Javanese term for bapak, or father; used

in Bahasa Indonesia as a form of address for

Roman Catholic priest

romu (Jp) labour, work

romusha (Jp) unskilled labourer; in Indonesia the word quickly

came to be associated with forced labour

R.P. (Jv) Raden Panji; title of the lower Javanese nobility

Rp rupiah

RPKAD Resimen Para Komando Angkatan Darat; Army

Para-commando Regiment

rust en orde (D) peace and order sabar patient, calm

sakusen sanbo (Jp) staff officer for operations

samadi meditation

santri pious or orthodox Muslim

Sarekat Islam Islamic Union; first mass political movement in

Indonesia

Saréngat Islam (Jv) term for syariah (or syariat) Islam (Islamic law)

schakelschool (D) link school

seibu boetai (Jp) western defence [zone]; in this context, western

Java

Seinendan (Jp) Japanese-run para-military Youth Corps

Seinen Dojo (Jp) Youth [Military] Training Centre at Tangerang

seishin-ryoku (Jp) spiritual strength

seito (Jp) pupil

seiza (Jp) kneeling on the floor, with one's legs under

one's thighs

sekolah rakyat elementary school

selir concubine

semangat spirit, revolutionary ardour

semangat menyerang offensive spirit

Sendenhan (Jp) [Sixteenth Army] Propaganda Corps; known

later in the war as the Sendenbu

Sendenbu (Jp) Propaganda Department of the Japanese Military

Administration on Java

shidokan (Jp) supervisor

Shimon Kikan (Jp) Investigation Organization

shireibu (Jp) headquarters

shodan, shodancho (Jp) platoon, platoon commander

Shomu (Jp) general affairs division within the Kenpeitai

silsilah genealogy, family tree

slametan ritual communal meal to observe major occasions

such as birth, death and marriage; ceremony at which benign spirits are invoked and harmful

spirits propitiated

SMP Sekolah Menengah Pertama; Lower Middle

School

SMT Sekolah Menengah Tinggi. Higher Middle

School

sociëteit (D) Dutch club; the social heart of the prewar Dutch

community in the larger NEI towns

soe (Jv) good, much

Somubu (Jp) General Affairs Department [of the Sixteenth

Army's Military Administration on Java]

Somubucho (Jp) Head of the General Affairs Department

Stadspolitie (D) Urban Police
Sunan (Jv) ruler of Surakarta

Susuhunan (Jv) title of the ruler of Surakarta

SWPA South West Pacific Area (Command)

Syahadat (Shahadat) (Isl) the Islamic confession of faith

Syariah (Syariat, Shari'a) Islam Islamic law; in Javanese, Saréngat Islam Taman Guru (Jv) school educating Taman Siswa teachers

Taman Siswa (Jv) Garden of Pupils; pre-war nationalist school

system

Taman Madya (Jv) Taman Siswa senior high school

tangsi barracks tentara army Tentara Keamanan Rakyat see TKR Tentara Nasional Indonesia see TNI

THS (D) Technische Hogeschool; pre-war Technical

Faculty in Bandung

TKR Tentara Keamanan Rakyat; People's Security

Army

TNI Tentara Nasional Indonesia: Indonesian National

Army

tobu boeitai (Jp) eastern defence [zone], that is, eastern Java

Tokko (Jp) Special Higher Police

or Tokko (Jp)

Special Higher Police section of the Kenpeitai Tokko-ka (Jp) Tokubetsu Koto Keisatsu.

Special Higher Police at the apex of the civilian police structure

Tokubetsu Keisatsutai (Jp) Special Police Strike Force within the Tokko

section of the Japanese-run civilian police force

Special Attack Force. Japanese euphemism for Tokubetsu kogekitai (Jp)

kamikazi squad

Tokumukikan (Jp) special task agency

totok full-blooded, newcomer; usually referring to a

Dutchman or ethnic Chinese

Tumenggung (Jv) title of high-ranking royal official

tut wuri handayani (Jv) leading from behind

ulama (Isl) Islamic scholar, Muslim religious teacher or

leader

ulu-ulu (Jv) hamlet irrigation official

USETUPS US Embassy Translation Unit Press Summary

low-level vocational schools vakscholen (D)

Veldpolitie (D) Field Police

VOC (D) Vereenigde Oost-Indische Compagnie; Dutch

East India Company

Vorstenlanden (D) Dutch name for the four Central Javanese principalities, two of them in Surakarta and

two in Yogyakarta

VPTL (D) Voorschrift voor de Uitoefening van de Politiek-

Politionele Taak van het Leger; Regulations for Exercising the Political and Police Task of the

Army

volksscholen (D) people's schools, also known as desascholen

Wali Sanga (Isl) the semi-legendary nine apostles of Islam in

Java

wayang shadow play wedana (Jv) district chief

wong cilik (Jv) lit. "little people", the common people

Yamato-damashii (Jp) spiritual qualities supposedly unique to the

Japanese people

yayasan foundation

Yobishikan Gakko (Jp) Reserve Officers Academy yugeki (Jp) member of the Yugekitai

Yugekitai (Jp) Japanese-created Indonesian Special Guerrilla

Force on Java

zazen (Jp) a form of religious meditation