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GLOSSARY

ahl al-sunnah wa al-jama'a Sunni Muslims

al-Hijrah the migration (or flight) of the Prophet

Muhammad from Mecca to Medina in 622 CE, the year which Muslims recognize as the beginning of the Muslim era, signified by the

letters AH (anno hijrah)

al-jama'a the community

al-Qur'an the divinely revealed scripture of Islam which

provides a complete religious, moral and

ethical system for Mankind

'amal practice, action

'aql intelligence, reason, rationality

Ar-Rahim in relation to Mankind, God the Giver of

Compassion

Ar-Rahman God, the Compassionate One

Asharite followers of al-Ash'ari, 9th century founder of

Islamic scholasticism known as *kalam*, which he developed in opposition to the Mu'tazilites (see below) and in which he was supported by the Shafi'ites (see below) — "conservative" in

method

bay' contract of sale

CE Common Era (of dating)

dakwah Islamic outreach

DPR Dewan Perwakilan Rakyat

(People's Representative Assembly)

FIBE Faisal Islamic Bank of Egypt fighi, figh of law; legal prescriptions

fatwa (plural: fatawa) opinion given by an ulama (see below) in

response to a question concerning a matter of

law or doctrine

G-7 Group of Seven (Canada, France, Germany,

Britain, Italy, Japan, the USA), the world's seven leading industrialized democracies

GOLKAR Golongan Karya (Functional Groups), the

ruling political party under President Soeharto

Hadith saying or act of the Prophet as witnessed by a

contemporary and passed on by transmitted accounts which are a source of Islamic law

halal permissible haram forbidden

IAIN Institut Agama Islam Negri (State Institute for

Islamic Studies)

ibadat prescribed religious duties which are not to be

varied in any way

ICMI Ikatan Cendekiawan Muslim Indonesia

(Indonesian Muslim Intellectuals' Association)

ijara (Arabic: ijra') legal enforcement

ijma' consensus of juristic reasoning/opinion

ijtihad the "effort", or "struggle" of using scholarly

reasoning to interpret the sources of Islam

ikhtilaf differing interpretations of Islamic sources

iman faith, religious belief

intifadah uprising

istihsan the method of legal reasoning which allows

deviation from one ruling to a more relevant

position (juristic preference)

istisna' exception

jabariya the doctrine that Man's acts are predestined

jama'ah community, gathering JIB Jordan Islamic Bank

jihad to exert every effort to live according to God's

ways including opposing His enemies

kadi judge

khilafat / khulafa Caliphate: union of the Muslim world under

one ruler who will fulfil God's Will

KISDI Komite Indonesia untuk Solidaritas Dunia

Islam (Indonesian Committee for Islamic

World's Solidarity)

KKN korupsi, kolusi, nepotisme (corruption,

collusion, nepotism)

madhhab "school" of Islamic law

mahram intermediaries

MPR Majelis Permusyawaratan Rakyat (People's

Consultative Assembly)

mu'amalat social relationships, conduct can vary unlike

the practices of *ibadat* (see above)

mudharabah contracts based on profit and loss sharing

mujtahid experts qualified to make independent legal

and religious judgements

murabaha a contract of sale in which the bank buys on

behalf of a client but retains an interest

musharakat joint venture contract

MUI Majelis Ulama Indonesia (the Indonesian

Council of Ulama)

murtad an apostate

mutakallim theologians, scholastics

mutashabihat a legal issue requiring further study

Mu'tazilite group of 8th century Muslim thinkers who

developed speculative dogmatics based on a strictly grammatical interpretation of the

Qur'an (see also Asharite above)

NGOs non-governmental organizations

NU Nahdlatul Ulama ("Renaissance of the

Ulama"), largest Islamic social movement in

Indonesia, founded in 1926

PAN Partai Amanat Nasional (National Mandate

Party)

Pancasila the Five Basic Principles of the Republic of

Indonesia

pbuh peace be upon him (epithet used after the

name of the Prophet Muhammad)

PDI Partai Demokrasi Indonesia (Indonesia

Democratic Party)

PDI-P Partai Demokrasi Indonesia-Perjuangan

(Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle), under the leadership of Megawati Soekarnoputri it surpassed its predecessor, the

PDI

Persis Persatuan Islam

1945 stating that the Republic of Indonesia would be based upon belief in the One God with the obligation for Muslims to follow *shari'a*. In the Constitution adopted as official in August 1945 the reference to following

shari'a was dropped.

PKB Partai Kebangkitan Bangsa (National

Awakening Party)

PLS profit and loss sharing

PPP Partai Persatuan Pembangunan (United

Development Party)

Q. common abbreviation for Qur'an

Qadariyah theological school in early Islam asserting

Man's free will

qadli judge; see also kadi

riba "increase", now usury, unjustified

Reformasi "Reform" referring to the movement against

the regime of former President Soeharto which

led to his stepping down (21 May 1998) and continued to demand the end to corrupt

practices in Indonesia

Shafi'ite followers of the third school of Muslim law

shahadah the confession of faith

shari'a the Law in its broadest sense

Shi'a those Muslims who recognize Ali (the

Prophet's son-in-law) and his line as the legitimate successors of the Prophet

Muhammad

Sunna (Arabic: al-Sunnah) the deeds and behaviour of the Prophet

Muhammad (pbuh)

Sunni the four schools of Islamic Law (Hanafi,

Maliki, Shafi'i and Hanbali)

takhayyur blending views or opinions deriving from

different Islamic schools or doctrines

taglid the opposite of *ijtihad*, i.e., strictly adhering

to the accepted authorities of one of the four

Sunni schools

taqwa piety, complete submission to God

tawhid the Oneness (unity) of God which

encompasses all aspects of human life

ulama scholars, learned

ummah the totality of people who profess to follow

Islam

ushul al-fiqh (usul al-fiqh) principles of law/of ascertaining law

wakaf gift for pious and charitable purposes wali guardian, often with legal powers

WTO World Trade Organization

zakat compulsory payment (2.5 per cent) of one's

annual income, due at the end of the fasting

month