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GLOSSARY

abangan Muslims term used in Java for nominal or less observant

Muslims

adab etiquette, comportment, behaviour

Ahlus Sunnah wal-Jamaah 'those who follow the tradition of the Prophet and

the [consensus of the] community'; long-hand term for the majority Sunni branch within Islam, though some self-ascribed Sunni groups use the

term in a narrow and exclusivist way

akhlak morals, morality, ethics

aliran 'streams' (of society, politics and religion)
amar ma'ruf nahi mungkar commanding good and preventing evil

amir commander, leader

aqidah articles of faith, religious belief, theology Asbindo Asosiasi BMT se-Indonesia (Association of

Indonesian BMTs)

Asbisindo Asosiasi Bank Syariah Indonesia (Association of

Indonesian Islamic Banks)

as-salaf as-saleh the 'pious ancestors'; the first few generations

of the Muslim community, who are seen as providing an exemplary model of proper Islamic

thinking and behaviour

aurat the parts of the body that must be kept covered in

public under Islamic law

Bapepam Badan Pelaksana Pasar Modal (Capital Market

Supervisory Agency)

Bappenas Badan Perencanaan Pembangunan Nasional

(National Development Planning Agency)

bid'ah heretical innovation

BMT baitul maal wat tamwil (Islamic saving and loan

cooperative)

BPRS bank perkreditan rakyat syariah (Islamic rural bank)

BRI Bank Rakyat Indonesia
buda the pre-Islamic age of Java

BUMN Badan Usaha Milik Negara (state-owned

enterprise)

bupati district head

CEDAW Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of

Discrimination Against Women

cultuurstelsel cultivation system

dai preacher, agent of the call to faith dakwah 'call', 'invitation', 'challenge'; preaching,

predication, Islamic outreach

dakwah bil-lisan 'dakwah with the tongue'; oratory, preaching a genre of popular music derived from

Arabic, Indian and Malay folk music and now incorporating modern musical influences

Darul Islam Abode of Islam; place where Islamic law and

teachings are upĥeld; in Indonesia it is also the name of an Islamic-state movement that rose up in rebellion against the central government (1948– 62) – it remains active in a largely non-violent

form

DDII Dewan Da'wah Islamiyah Indonesia (Indonesian

Islamic Propagation Council)

desa Muslim Muslim village dlarurat necessary

DPA Dewan Pertimbangan Agung (Supreme Advisory

Council)

DPD Dewan Perwakilan Daerah (Council of Regional

Representatives)

DPR Dewan Perwakilan Rakyat (People's

Representative Council, the national parliament)

DPRD Dewan Perwakilan Rakyat Daerah (regional

assembly)

DSN Dewan Syariah Nasional (National Sharia

Council)

ECFR European Council for Fatwa and Research

ekonomi syariah Islamic economics

ESQ Emotional-Spiritual Quotient

fardu 'ain a category of religious duty which must be

performed by every Muslim

Fatayat NU the young women's wing of NU

fatwa ruling on a point of law or dogma given by a

scholar who has the authority to issue such

rulings

FBR Forum Betawi Rempug (Betawi Brotherhood

Forum)

FES Forum Ekonomi Syariah (Sharia Economic

Forum)

fikir see pikir

figh the formal rules of classical law, prescriptions,

Islamic jurisprudence

FK3 Forum Kajian Kitab Kuning (Forum for the Study

of Kitab Kuning)

Forkabi Forum Komunikasi Anak Betawi (Betawi

Communication Forum)

FPI Front Pembela Islam (Islamic Defenders Front)
FPIS Front Pemuda Islam Surakarta (Surakarta Islamic

Youth Front)

FPJPS fasilitas pembiayaan jangka pendek bank syariah

(short-term financing facility for sharia banks) a Javanese musical ensemble employing mainly

gong-chimes

gardu command post

gamelan

GKBI

GBHN Garis Besar Haluan Negara (Broad Outlines of

State Policy)

gharar contractual ambiguity

GIDI Gerakan Jamaah & Dakwah Jamaah (The

Community Movement and Community *Dakwah*) Gerakan Ketahanan Betawi Indonesia (Betawi

Defence Movement of Indonesia)

Golkar orig. Golongan Karya; the state political party

during the New Order, and one of the major post-

New Order parties

GSI Gerakan Santri Indonesia (Indonesian Santri

Movement)

H. Haji, *haji*; title for someone who has completed

the hajj

Hadith report or account of the words and deeds of the

Prophet Muhammad transmitted through a chain of narrators; Hadith are a basic source of Islamic

law

hajj the annual pilgrimage to Mecca halal 'permitted' (under Islamic law) haram 'prohibited' (under Islamic law)

Hizbut Tahrir Liberation Party; founded in Jerusalem in 1953

with the central aim of reviving the caliphate; the

Indonesian branch was active from 1982

HMI Himpunan Mahasiswa Islam (Islamic Tertiary

Students Association)

HTI Hizbut Tahrir Indonesia (Indonesian Liberation

Party); the Indonesian chapter of Hizbut Tahrir

IAIN Institut Agama Islam Negeri (State Islamic

Institute)

ibadah religious observance, worship, prescribed

religious rituals and duties

ICMI Ikatan Cendekiawan Muslim Indonesia

(Indonesian Association of Muslim Intellectuals)

IDT Inpres Desa Tertinggal (Neglected Villages

Program); a special presidential program for poor

villages

Idul Adha religious festival celebrated during the hajj to

commemorate Abraham's willingness to sacrifice

his son for God

Idul Fitri religious festival marking the end of the fasting

month (Ramadan)

ijtihad independent judgement, based on recognised

sources of Islam, on a legal or theological question (in contrast to *taqlid*, judgment based on tradition

or convention)

IKBT Ikatan Keluarga Besar Tanah Abang (Family of

Tanah Abang Association)

ikhtiarinitiative, effortikhwanbrother, comradeilmuknowledge

ilmu ghaib supernatural power

IMA investasi mudarabah antar bank (mudharabah

interbank investment certificate)

imam 'model', 'exemplar'; the spiritual leader of a

Muslim community or group, often the leader of

prayers in a mosque

infaq alms

Inkopontren Induk Koperasi Pondok Pesantren (Central Board

of Pesantren Cooperatives)

Inpres Instruksi Presiden (Presidential Instruction)

Islam kaffah total Islam

Isra Mi'raj Ascension and Night Journey (of the Prophet) jahiliyya 'age of ignorance'; an Arabic term referring to the

pre-Islamic period

jamaah community of followers, congregation

jawara 'champion'; strongman, martial arts practitioner
Jemaah Islamiyah Islamic Community; covert jihadist Islamic
organisation founded in Malaysia in 1993 and

based in Indonesia since 1998

JI Jemaah Islamiyah

jihad 'to strive', 'to exert', 'to fight'; meaning can range

from personal struggle against sinful tendencies

to assisting the community in holy war

JIL Jaringan Islam Liberal (Liberal Islamic Network)

jilbab head covering, headscarf

JKP3 Jaringan Kerja Prolegnas Pro Perempuan

(Network for a Pro-Women's National Legislation

Program)

JPPR Jaringan Pendidikan Pemilih untuk Rakyat

(People's Voter Education Network)

K. Kiai kabupaten district

kafir 'non-believer' (in Islam)

kaul, khaul promissory undertaking, vow

kebal invulnerability

Kebatinan home-grown Javanese mystical movements,

showing little or no Islamic influence

Kejawen an identity or set of beliefs emphasising older

Javanese ethical and spiritual values

keluarga sakinah 'harmonious family'; a program to inculcate

family values

KHI Kompilasi Hukum Islam (Compilation of Islamic

Law)

'noble', 'lofty'; title for a religious scholar or

leader

kitab kuning 'yellow books' (a reference to the colour of the

pages); commentaries on the Qur'an and Islamic

law used as teaching texts in pesantren

kodrat 'essence', power, the ability or capacity to do a

particular thing, aptitude

Komnas Perempuan Komisi Nasional Anti Kekerasan Terhadap

Perempuan (National Commission on Violence

Against Women)

Kopassus special forces (branch of the military)

kota municipality, city

KPPSI Komite Persiapan Penegakan Syariat Islam

(Committee for the Preparation of Formalisation

of Sharia)

KPU Komisi Pemilihan Umum (General Election

Commission)

kris a Javanese dagger, often thought to be 'alive' with

supernatural power

KSM kelompok swadaya masyarakat (people's self -help

group)

KSP *kelompok simpan pinjam* (saving and credit group)

KTP kartu tanda penduduk (identity card)
KTP kartu tanda penduduk (identity card)

kunya the names beginning with 'Abu' (father of) or

'Ummu' (mother of), by which Arabs are known

once they have children

LAPAR Lembaga Pendidikan dan Advokasi Rakyat

(Social Advocacy and Educational Institute); a

South Sulawesi-based NGO

Laskar Jihad Holy War Fighters; paramilitary force formed in

2000 by Ja'far Umar Thalib and disbanded in 2002

Laskar Pembela Islam Islamic Defenders Militia (part of FPI)

LAZ lembaga amil zakat (non-governmental zakat

collection agency)

LBH APIK Lembaga Bantuan Hukum - Asosiasi Perempuan

Indonesia Untuk Keadilan (Legal Aid Institute – Association of Indonesian Women for Justice)

LDKP lembaga dana kredit pedesaan (village funding and

finance institution)

LIK Lingkungan Industri Kecil (Small Industry

Centre)

LIPIA Institute for Islamic and Arabic Studies (Institute

for Islamic and Arabic Studies)

LPSM Lembaga Pengembang Swadaya Masyarakat

(Institute for the Development of Self-help

Groups)

LSI Lembaga Survei Indonesia (Indonesian Survey

Institute)

maksiat immoral act, immorality, vice

Masyumi Majelis Syuro Muslimin Indonesia (Indonesian

Muslim Consultative Council); Japanesesponsored Islamic organisation formed in 1943; it transformed itself into an Islamic party in 1945

and was banned by Sukarno in 1960

mazhab 'direction'; school of legal thought; the four main

schools in Sunni Islam are Shafi'i, Maliki, Hanafi and Hanbali (sometimes spelled 'Hambali'), distinguished from each other by their different

methods of jurisprudential reasoning

MMI Majelis Mujahidin Indonesia (Indonesian Council

of Mujahideen), established in 2000 in Yogyakarta

MMI Majelis Mujahidin Indonesia (Indonesian

Mujahidin Council)

MPR Majelis Permusyawaratan Rakyat (People's

Consultative Assembly)

MQ Manajemen Qolbu (Managing the Heart, Heart

Management)

MTA Majlis Tafsir al-Qur'an (Qur'anic Interpretation

Council)

muballigh (female: muballighah) itinerant or lay preacher or speaker

mufti jurist capable of giving an authoritative legal

opinion (fatwa)

Muhammadiyah a modernist Islamic organisation founded in 1912

by Ahmad Dahlan

MUI Majelis Ulama Indonesia (Indonesian Council of

Ulama)

mujtahid a religious scholar who has become an authority

on sharia through many years of study, and is

therefore qualified to practise ijtihad

muqallid imitator (a person who follows the opinions of

Muslim scholars without reservation)

nadar, nadhar, nadzar vow, undertaking

Nasyiatul Aisyiyah the young women's wing of Muhammadiyah

ngalap berkah to access a personal favour that has a

supernatural origin

NGO non-government organisation

NU Nahdlatul Ulama (Revival of the Religious

> Scholars); Indonesia's largest Islamic organisation, established in 1926 by Hasyim Asy'ari and Wahab

Chasbullah to promote traditionalist Islam

P2KER Proyek Peningkatan Kemandirian Rakyat

(People's Economic Empowerment Project)

P₃M Perhimpunan Pengembangan Pesantren dan Masyarakat (Association for the Development of

Pesantren and Society)

P3UK Pusat Penelitian dan Pengembangan Usaha Kecil

(Centre for Research and Development of Small

Business)

PAD pendapatan asli daerah (locally derived revenue) Pam Swakarsa Pasukan Pengamanan Swakarsa (Volunteer

Security Force)

Pancasila the five guiding principles of the Indonesian state

(belief in God, humanitarianism, nationalism,

democracy and social justice)

PBB Partai Bulan Bintang (Crescent and Star Party) PBR Partai Bintang Reformasi (Reform Star Party)

PD Partai Demokrat (Democratic Party) PDI Partai Demokrasi Indonesia (Indonesian

Democratic Party)

PDI-P Partai Demokrasi Indonesia-Perjuangan

(Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle)

PDS Partai Damai Sejahtera (Prosperous Peace Party)

pemerataan equality

Pemuda Pancasila Pancasila Youth pendakwah preacher

pengajian Islamic study group

Periuangan Rakyat (People's Struggle); a Perak

Makassar-based NGO

Perbarindo Perhimpunan Bank Perkreditan Rakvat Indonesia

(Association of Rural Banks of Indonesia)

perda peraturan daerah (regional ordinances or bylaws)

perda syariah Islam sharia-influenced regional regulation

Persis Persatuan Islam (Islamic Association); reformist

Islamic organisation founded in 1923

'place of the santri'; traditional Islamic boarding pesantren

school

pikir cognitive effort, idea, thinking

Pinbuk Pusat Inkubasi Bisnis Usaha Kecil (Centre for

Small Business Incubation)

PKB Partai Kebangkitan Bangsa (National Awakening

Party)

PKES Pusat Komunikasi Ekonomi Shariah

(Communication Centre of Sharia Economics)

PKI Partai Komunis Indonesia (Indonesian

Communist Party)

PKS Partai Keadilan Sejahtera (Prosperity and Justice

Party)

PNI Partai Nasional Indonesia (Indonesian National

Party)

pondok Islamic boarding school

pornoaksi pornographic activities, obscene acts

PPIM Pusat Pengkajian Islam dan Masyarakat (Centre

for the Study of Islam and Society)

PPP Partai Persatuan Pembangunan (United

Development Party)

preman thug, gangster priyayi the Javanese elite

PUAS pasar uang antar bank syariah (sharia interbank

money market)

PUPJI Pedoman Umum Perjuangan Al-Jama'ah Al-

Islamiyyah (General Struggle Guidelines of

Jemaah Islamiyah)

qadi judge (in a sharia court)

qanun regional statute or regulation (in Aceh); derived

from an Arabic term meaning 'administrative

law' or rule

Qur'an God's word revealed to the Prophet Muhammad

and the supreme source and absolute authority

for Islam

Ramadan the ninth month of the Islamic calendar during

which fasting is required

raperda draft regional regulation

reformasi reform riba interest

salafi jihadi

RMI Rabitah Ma'ahid al-Islamiyah (Pesantren

Institute)

Salaf the 'pious ancestors' (the Prophet Muhammad,

his companions and their followers of the first three generations, whose era is often regarded as

a golden age of the faith)

Salafi/salafi/salafiyah term for those who seek to emulate the practice of

the pious ancestors (Salaf); see Salafist/Salafism those who adhere to an extremist strand of

Salafism that employs violence through a call to

jihad

Salafist/Salafism reform movements of the last several centuries

that use the Qur'an and Hadith (the traditions of the Salaf) to justify rejection of many traditionalist Muslim practices associated with Muslim local cultures as well supposedly corrupting modern Western influences; attitudes and approaches

associated with those movements

santapan rohani spiritual meal

santri Muslims pious Muslims who seek to adhere strictly to the

ritual and legal requirements of Islam

Sarekat Islam Islamic Association; established 1912 as the

successor to Sarekat Dagang Islamiyah (Islamic Commercial Union, 1909); in 1923 renamed as a political party, Partai Sarekat Islam Indonesia,

which had little political success

satgas satuan tugas (security forces, civilian militia)
SBY (President) Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono

sesat deviant, misguided

Shafi'i one of the four main Sunni law schools and the

dominant school in Southeast Asia

shalat the prescribed ritual prayer to be performed five

times a day Islamic law

Shi'ism 'faction', 'party'; the second largest branch of

Islam after Sunni

slametan communal meal to observe occasions of ritual

importance

SME small and medium-sized enterprise
Sufi one who practises Islamic mysticism
Sufism Islamic mysticism; see *tasawwuf*

sukuk Islamic bond

sharia

Sunni majority branch of Islam

SWBI sertifikat wadiah bank indonesia (Bank Indonesia

wadiah certificate)

Syafi'i one of the four main schools in Sunni Islam and

the dominant school in Southeast Asia

syirik idolatry, polytheism, blasphemy, the association

of an object or person with God

Syuriah the consultative board of NU
Syuriah Supreme Council (of NU)
Tanfidziyah Executive Board (of NU)

taqiyyah dispensation allowing believers to conceal

their faith when under threat, persecution or

compulsion

tarekat 'road', 'way', 'method'; in mysticism refers to

methods used to come into the presence of God; a

Sufi group or order

tasawwuf Sufism, Islamic mysticism

tauhiid the doctrine of the unity of God; monotheism;

in Sufism refers to merging with the unity of the

universe

tawassul mediation by a prophet or saint on behalf of the

believer

TII Tentara Islam Indonesia (Indonesian Muslim

Army)

ulama plural of alim meaning 'learned'; Islamic

scholar(s)

umat the Islamic community in the broadest sense of

'all Muslims'

umrah the lesser pilgrimage

USP *unit simpan pinjam* (Islamic saving and loan unit) Wahhabi Saudi-based religious purification and social

reform movement founded in the late eighteenth century by scholar Muhammad ibn 'Abd al-

Wahhab (1703-87)

wakaf/waqf charitable endowment of land for religious

purposes

Wali Songo the Nine Saints (Java)

wali the founding saints of Islam in Java, usually said

to have been nine in number

walikota mayor

wayang shadow puppet theatre

wayang golek puppet theatre

yayasan (charitable) foundation

Yinbuk Yayasan Inkubasi Busnis Usaha Kecil (Foundation

for Small Business Incubation)

YKP Yayasan Kesehatan Perempuan YKSSI Yayasan Keluarga Sehat dan Sejahtera

Indonesia (Indonesian Well and Healthy Family Foundation); a West Nusa Tengggara-based NGO

zakat wealth tax, alms (one of the five pillars of Islam)
zikir 'remembrance' (of God); repetition of the names

of God and other phrases from the Qur'an to promote closeness to God and mystical awareness

of Him

Currencies

\$ US dollar

MR Malaysian rupiah Rp Indonesian rupiah

