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GLOSSARY

adil just

ahl harb people at war

ahl 'ahd people of the covenant of peace

akhlak ethics alim scholar

aqidah belief in the articles of faith ayat phrases from *hadiths*

balai huts

balaisoh (Thai) prayer halls, usually smaller in size than mosques balai surau (Malay) prayer halls, usually smaller in size than mosques

bantu-membantu mutual help and support

belas kasihan empathy berkat blessed

berkenal-kenalan getting to know one another through interaction

bid'a innovation bumi Patani Patani land

dakwah propagation of Islam through word and action, calling the

people to follow the commandments of Allah and his

messenger Prophet Muhammad

damai harmonious

Dar Al-Islam house of Islam; land ruled by a Muslim ruler and where the

shari'a is held as the rule of the land

Dar Al-Harb house of War; land ruled by non-Muslims or where the

shari'a is not recognized as the law of the land

Dar Al-Muwada'ah land ruled by non-Muslims and in no hostility agreement

with land ruled by a Muslim ruler

Dar Al-'Ahd Dar Al-Islam with autonomous rule under a non-Muslim

ruler

Dar Al-Kufr land of disbelief
Dar As-Sulh land of peace treaty

dharurat emergencies

dikir barat a type of Malay cultural performance

dirampas seized

falak astronomy/astrology

fara'id Islamic law on succession/inheritance

fard'ain describes knowledge that is a religious obligation

fard kifayah describes knowledge that is obligatory not for all, but for a

sufficient number of such Muslims in the community

fatwa decree issued by Islamic leader or imam

fikiran Melayuisme Malay nationalist thought figh Islamic jurisprudence

fitnah disbelief gerai-gerai makanan food stalls

gotong-royong working and aiding one another in achieving mutual

goals

hadith a series of authenticated sayings and declarations recorded

by Muslim scholars who tracked the chain of sources concerning what the Prophet said, did, or tacitly approved Muslims who have committed the Qur'an to memory

hafiz Muslims who have committed the Qur'an to memory hajis a term used to bestow honour and respect on men who have

completed their pilgrimage in Mecca, also known as 'hajj'

halal permissible in Islam

halaqah study circle; scholastic circles

hanafi one of the four dominant Islamic legal traditions in Sunni

Islam; dominant in most of South and Central Asia

haram unclean

haramain two holy lands — Mecca and Medina hijab headscarf worn by Muslim women

hijaz the Arabian Peninsula where non-Muslims who possess the

proper permits are allowed to enter and stay for a period not

longer than three days

hijrah the migration of the Prophet and his followers from Mecca

to Medina in AD 622.

ijtihad independent judgement; the ability to exercise reason and

formulate a specific opinion in the absence of a precedent

ilmu knowledge

imam leader or a person who leads the prayer

iman faith

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isha evening daily prayer

istiwa' 'ala al-arsy God's position on the throne Jahili people of the ignorance

jahiliyya literally means ignorance; also describes the pagan practice

of the days before God's revelations to the Prophet

Muhammad

Jawi Malay version of Arab script

Jemaat Tabligh an Islamic grassroots dakwah (missionary) movement that is

primarily focused on the purification of the Islamic

community

jihad the Qur'anic injunction for believers to strive and struggle

with their entire being to carry out the commandments of

God as part of their submission to God's will

jihad qital armed *jihad*

jihad fi sabilillah struggle in the way of Allah

jizya tributary tax kafir infidels kalam theology kampung village

Kaum Muda the "New Generation" as they are known in the Malay

world. At times associated with, though not confined to, Salafis who attempt to reform Islam by taking it away from its traditional association with syncretism and re-orienting

it towards scripturalism

Kaum Tua the "Old Generation" who espoused traditional models of

religious education and practice, at times including subscription to some elements of pre-Islamic beliefs and

practices

keadilan justice
kedamaian harmony
kehidupan everyday living
kemanusiaan humanity
ketua kampung village head
kesejahteraan peace

khaek a pejorative term which literally means "dark-skinned

visitors"; historically used by Thais to describe the Malay-

Muslims in southern Thailand

khutbah sermon delivered on Fridays and special occasions

kitab texts

Kitab Kuning/Jawi classical Malay religious literature written in Jawi script and

produced by Patani scholars

madrasah a type of Islamic school

masjid mosque

magrib sunset daily prayer

mazhab the traditional schools of Islamic jurisprudence or *figh* that

anchor much of traditional Islam

Muhayid state a state that has entered into a peace treaty with an Islamic

state

mujtahid jurist

mujahideen struggler (a Muslim engaged in a *jihad* or holy struggle)

mukmin people blessed by God mulniti Islamic foundations

munafikin hypocrites
musafir a traveller
nahwi Arabic grammar
pasar-pasar marketplaces

peperangan war

pondok traditional Islamic schools

qadi Islamic judge

qira'at recitation of the Qur'an

qiyas analogy

qunut act of standing or special supplications in a standing posture

during dawn prayer

Ramadhan the ninth month of the Islamic year when Muslims fast

during the day

Salaf three generations of the community of elders and

companions of the Prophet. These include the companions of the Prophet (the *Sahabah*), their students the "successors" (the *Taabi'een*), and their students (the *Atbaa Taabi'een*)

Salafi those who attempt to reform Islam by taking it away from

its traditional association with syncretism and re-orienting

it towards scripturalism

Salafus-Saaleh pious predecessors

sarf grammar and conjugation

sejahtera peaceful

Shafi'i one of the four legal traditions in Sunni Islam; dominant in

Southeast Asia

shari'a Islamic way of life, including Islamic law

shirk innovation

shura councils consisting of groups of elders who in the context of

the *Jemaat Tabligh* meet to vet the readiness of followers to conduct their *dakwah*, which is usually either three days a

month or forty days a year.

sifat 20 twenty attributes of God

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sunnah the actions and teachings of the Prophet

suri rumah tangga housewife

surah verses from the Qur'an tabligh Islamic missionary effort tadika Islamic kindergartens tafsir Qur'anic exegesis thawb white robes

takfir the highly politicized exercise of labelling fellow Muslims as

infidels that is often associated with radical Salafis and

Wahhabis

taqiya turbans

taglid uncritical acceptance of textual sources

tarikh history

tarigahs Islamic mystical brotherhood

tassawuf spirituality

tauhid oneness of God; unity of God

tiga wilaya three provinces — the local nomenclature for the Malay-

Muslim provinces of Narathiwat, Pattani, and Yala

tok guru pondok religious teachers tolong-menolong helping one another ulama religious scholars

ulama Jawi distinguished scholars of Islam from the Malay world

ummah the community of Muslim believers
ustaz or babo religious teachers in Islamic private school

usul-addin principles of Islam

usul al-fiqh principles of jurisprudence

uswah hasanah role model

Wahhabism refers to a particular brand of Salafism rooted in the historical

evolution of Islamic thought and praxis in the Arabian Peninsula. Wahhabism advocates for a return to the tradition of the Prophet and his companions and is grounded principally in the religious thought of one particular Salafi

thinker, Muhammad ibn Abd Al-Wahhab

waqf Islamic endowments

wayang kulit Malay cultural performances

wira shuhada martyrs

yayasan Islamic foundation

zakat Islamic tax system; almsgiving which constitutes one of the

five pillars of Islam

zikr supplication

zimmis protected minorities