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## GLOSSARY

This glossary contains names of organizations, abbreviations, and technical terms. I have added (A) to the words which have been derived from the Arabic language, but Arabic words which are now part of common Indonesian usage have not been indicated as such.

*Adat*: Local custom.

'*Adillah* (A.): Sources for legal proofs.

*Ahlus Sunnah wal Jamaah*: Usually abbreviated to *Aswaja*; literally means people of the *sunnah* and the (orthodox) community.

*Ahmadiyah*: A religious organization established in India in 1889.

*Aisyiyah*: Muhammadiyah women's wing organization.

*Al-'adah muhakkamah* (A.): Principle in Islamic jurisprudence that custom can be used as the rule of law.

*Al-dhararu yuzalu* (A.): Principle in Islamic jurisprudence that harm should be eliminated.

*Al-dharurat al-khamsah* (A.): Fundamental elements of human existence.

*Al-Fikrah al-Nahdhiyyah* (A.): Practical principles of NU, containing five points, namely moderation (*tawassutiyyah*), tolerance (*tasamuhiyyah*), reformation (*ishlahiyyah*), dynamic mindset (*tathawwuriyyah*), and methodological mindset (*manhajiyyah*).

*Alimat*: The Indonesian branch of Musawah (see Musawah).

*Al-Muwafaqat*: Literally means "approvals"; a book by al-Shatibi.

*Al-Muwatta'*: Literally means "the Beaten Path"; a book by Imam Malik.

*Al-nushush al-syar'iyah* (A.): Texts which can serve as legal evidence.



*Al-qawa'id al-fiqhiyyah* (A.): The principles of Islamic jurisprudence.

AMAN: Asian Muslim Action Network.

*Aqwalul 'ulama* (A.): The opinions of religious scholars.

*Aurat*: Parts of the body that need to be covered to avoid embarrassment.

*A'wan*: The plural form of the Arabic word 'awn, which literally means "help". It is the part of Syuriah NU (the Supreme Body of NU) that provides assistance for the *ra'is* (the head of NU) and consists of a number of prominent ulama.

*Badal*: Assistant to a specific figure.

Bahtsul Masail: Literally means "discussion of issues"; a NU forum with responsibility to issue fatwas at the central level.

*Bandongan*: Also called *weton* teaching; a system in which a group of students (from five to five hundred) listen to a teacher who reads and translates Arabic texts word by word using the Javanese language, and then gives an explanation of the meaning.

*Bidah*: Literally means innovation. In practice it means Islamic practices unknown during Muhammad's era but that became popular in later eras.

BP4/*Badan Penasihatatan Pembinaan dan Pelestarian Pernikahan*: Body for Advising on, Nurturing and Preserving Marriage.

BPD/*Badan Permusyawaratan Desa*: Village Consultative Body.

*Daiyah*: Female preacher.

Darud Da'wah wal Irsyad: Abbreviated to DDI; Islamic mass organization established in 1947 in South Sulawesi.

*Dhaif*: Unreliable state, usually related to the low quality of hadith or an unauthoritative reference.

Dharma Wanita (Women's Service): Organization of wives of Indonesian civil servants or female civil servants.

*Dua kulah*: (A. *qullataini*), minimum water measurement volume according to *fiqh*.

Fahmina: A Muslim women's NGO established in 2000 which works on issues of community empowerment, democracy, human rights, pluralism, and gender justice rooted in the knowledge and traditions of *pesantren*.

Fatayat: One of NU's wing organizations, for young women.

FBMP3 (Forum Bahtsul Masail Pondok Pesantren Puteri): Women's Islamic Boarding School Deliberation Forum.

*Fiqh*: Islamic jurisprudence.

FORDAF (Forum *Daiyah* Fatayat Nahdlatul Ulama): the *Daiyah* Forum of Fatayat Nahdlatul Ulama.

*Furu'* (A.): Literally means branches; subsidiary to the main principles (*usul*) of Islamic jurisprudence.

Gerakan Pemuda Anshor (GP Anshor): One of NU's wing organizations, for young men.

*Gharim* (A.): Person who is in debt.

*Gono-gini*: Joint property of a married couple.

*Hablu minallah* (A.): The relationship between humans and God.

*Hablu minannas* (A.): The relationship among humans.

Hadith: Prophet tradition.

*Halal*: Lawful or permitted according to Islamic law.

*Haram*: Unlawful or forbidden according to Islamic law.

*Haram lighairihi* (A.): Unlawful because of another reason.

*Haul*: Annual remembrance of the deceased.

*Hibah*: Giving property according to Islamic rules.

*Hijab*: Wide type of scarf for Muslim women.

*Hijrah*: Religious transformation in order to become better Muslims.

HMI (Himpunan Mahasiswa Islam): Islamic Community of University Students.

IAIN (Institute Agama Islam Negeri): The State Institute for Islamic Studies.

*Iddah*: A waiting period for a woman whose husband has passed away or a divorcee woman who wants to remarry; the mourning period for a woman after her husband passed away.

*Ifta'* (A.): Activity for giving/issuing a fatwa.

*Ihdad* (A.): The mourning period for a woman after her husband passed away.

*Ijazah*: Diploma.

*Ijbar* (A.): Guardian's "coercive" authority.

*Ijtima'* ulama: Consensus of the ulama.

*Ilhaqi* (A.): Equating the legal judgement of new problems with problems that have been answered by great ulama in the *kitab kuning*.

*'Illah* (A.): Legal cause.

*Imam*: Leader of congregational prayers, and many other meanings.

IPNU (Ikatan Putera Nahdlatul Ulama): One of NU's wing organizations, for male students, which serves to implement the NU policy in the specific community.

IPPNU (Ikatan Putera Puteri Nahdhatul Ulama): A NU wing organization for female students, which serves to implement the NU policy in the specific community.

*Ishlahiyyah* (A.): Literally means the mindset of reformation; an effort to make improvements for a better condition.

ISIF (Institute Studi Islam Fahmina): Fahmina Institute of Islamic Studies.

*Istidlal* (A.): Analysis of the sources or the analytical and interpretative principles.

*Istifta'* (A.): Request for a fatwa.

*Istihsan* (A.): Seeking goodness; one of the rules to comply with in creating *Maqashid Shari'ah*.

*Jamaah*: Religious congregation.

*Jam'iyah diniyyah* (A.): Religious congregation.

*Jilbab*: Muslim women's headscarf.

Kalyanamitra: The second earliest Indonesian women's NGO, established during the New Order.

*Kawin gantung*: Suspended marriage.

*Kejar paket*: Formal education services through non-formal channels, provided for students who cannot access formal schools; at the end of this programme, the students receive a diploma.

*Khalwat*: Literally means seclusion; often used in the sense of inappropriate social mingling between marriageable men and women (being alone together in a closed place).

KHI (Kompilasi Hukum Islam): Compilation of Islamic Law.

*Khilafiyah* (A.): Different opinions.

*Kiai*: male *pesantren* leaders.

*Kitab kuning*: Literally means yellow book; the classical Islamic books, which are usually printed on light yellow paper.

*Kitab mu'tabarah* (A.): Reliable reference.

KNPI (Komite Nasional Indonesia Pusat): Indonesian Central National Commission.

KOHATI (Korps HMI-Wati): Women's wing organization of HMI.

Komnas Perempuan (Komisi Nasional Perempuan): National Commission on Violence against Women.

KOPRI (Korps PMII Puteri): Women's wing organization of PMII.

KPAI (Komisi Perlindungan Anak Indonesia): Indonesian's Children Protection Commissioner.

*Kufr* (A.): Literally means unbelief, opposite of *iman* (belief/faith).

KUPI (Kongres Ulama Perempuan or KUPI): Indonesian Congress of Women Ulama.

LPPL (Lembaga Penyiaran Publik Lokal): Local Public Broadcasting Institute.

LKiS (Lembaga Kajian Islam dan Sosial): Institution of Islamic and Social Studies.

LKGNU (Lembaga Kemaslahatan Keluarga): Family Welfare Institute. A NU body responsible for promoting family welfare through reproductive health and family planning.

LP3ES (Lembaga Penelitian, Pendidikan, dan Penerangan Ekonomi dan Sosial): Institute for Social, Economic, and Social Research, Education, and Information.

Ma'had Ali: *Pesantren* higher education for advanced Islamic study with a relevant curriculum related to the curricula of *pesantren*.

*Mahram*: Relatives in the family line who cannot be married to one another according to Islamic rules.

Majelis Tarjih Muhammadiyah: A fatwa-issuing forum at Muhammadiyah; established at the Muhammadiyah's sixteenth congress in 1927.

*Makanatul mar'ah fil Islam* (A.): Literally means women's position in Islam; the theme of the NU National Mukhtamar in Lombok, in 1997.

*Mamba'u al-Sa'adah* (A.): Literally means a source of happiness; A *kitab kuning* title, written by Faqihuddin Abdul Kodir.

*Manhaj* (A.): Legal reasoning methods.

*Maqashid shari'ah* (A.): The goals of shari'a.

*Marafiq* (A.): Appendix.

*Maraji'* (A.): Reference.

*Ma'ruf*: Goodness; One of the frameworks applied in the fatwa-making procedure of KUPI.

*Maslaha* (A.): Social good.

*Maudhu'iyah* (A.): Literally means related to titling/theme clustering; a commission of the Bahtsul Masail other than *Waqi'iyah* (concerning social phenomena) and *Qonuniyah* (concerning legal rules).

*Modin*: Islamic guide appointed in a village.

*Muamalah*: Social interaction.

*Mubadalah*: Hermeneutics of reciprocity.

*Mudarat* and *mafsadah*: Damage and harmful; opposite of *manfaat* and *maslaha*.

*Mujbir*: Person who holds guardian's "coercive" authority.

*Mukena*: A special cloth for women to wear when praying.

*Munakahat* (A.): A special branch of Islamic jurisprudence concerning marriage.

MUNAS (Musyawarah Nasional): National Meeting, usually associated with NU.

Musawah: A global movement for equity and justice in the family.

*Mushahhah* (A.): The person who is in charge as a final reviewer of the fatwa before it is declared.

*Mushala*: Prayer house or room.

*Muslimat*: A women's wing of Nahdhatul Ulama, for adult women, with a national board and branches from the provincial to village levels.

*Mustafti* (A.): The person who asks for a fatwa.

*Mustahiq* (A.): Person who deserves zakat.

*Musta'mal* (A.): Used water, which makes it invalid for use for the purpose of *taharah*.

*Mustasyar*: Literally means advisory; the advisory board of NU.

*Musyawahar Keagamaan*: Religious consultation; a fatwa forum of KUPI.

*Nafkah*: To fulfil the needs of anyone who is dependent, whether in the form of food, drink, clothing or shelter.

*Najis*: Excrement.

*Najis ma'fu* (A.): Excrement that does not need to be cleaned before someone prays.

*Nasyiatul Aisyiyah*: Muhammadiyah's young women's association.

*Nifas*: Blood after childbirth.

*Nikah sirri*: Unregistered marriage.

NU: Nahdlatul Ulama

P3M (Perhimpunan dan Pengembangan Pesantren dan Masyarakat): Association for the Development of Pesantren and Society.

*Pancasila*: Literally means five basic values; Indonesia's ideology as a nation.

PAUD (Pendidikan Anak Usia Dini): Early Childhood Education.

PBNU (Pengurus Besar Nahdlatul Ulama): Nahdlatul Ulama National Board.

PEKKA (Pemberdayaan Perempuan sebagai Kepala Keluarga): Women-Headed Household Empowerment.

*Pengajian*: Religious lesson.

*Penghulu*: Religious marriage official.

PERSIS (Persatuan Islam): Islamic Unity, an Indonesian Islamic mass organization established in Bandung in 1923.

*Pesantren*: Islamic boarding schools.

PKB (Partai Kebangkitan Bangsa): National Awakening Party.

PKDRT (Penghapusan Kekerasan dalam Rumah Tangga): Elimination of Domestic Violence.

PKK (Pembinaan Kesejahteraan Keluarga): Family Welfare Guidance.

PMII (Pergerakan Mahasiswa Islam Indonesia): The Indonesian Muslim Students Movement.

PPIM (Pusat Penelitian Islam dan Masyarakat): Centre for Islamic and Community Research.

PPP (Partai Persatuan Pembangunan): United Development Party.

PTIQ (Perguruan Tinggi Ilmu Al-Qur'an): Higher Education for Al-Qur'an Studies, located in Jakarta.

PUP (Pengkaderan Ulama Perempuan): Female Cadre Programme, a training programme organized by Rahima to prepare female ulama for gaining an excellent acquaintance with classical Islamic knowledge.

*Qabul* (A.): Consent of agreement, usually paired with *ijab* to show common agreement between two parties.

*Qiyas* (A.): Legal analogy.



*Qonun*: Law or regulation enacted by a government; used to refer to Islamic legislation in contemporary Aceh.

r.a. (*radhiya Allah ‘anhu*) (A.): May God be pleased with him.

Rahima: An NGO established in August 2000 by Muslim activists who were engaged with the Fiqhunnisa’ programme of P3M.

RMI (Rabithah Ma’ahid Islamiyyah): Organization under NU that connects *pesantren* across Indonesia.

*Safinatun Najah*: Literally means ship of safety; A short introductory text on *fiqh* by Salim b. Abdallah b. Samir, a Hadrami, who lived in Batavia in the mid-nineteenth century.

*Sakinah*: Safe and prosperous family.

*Santri*: Students at a traditional Islamic school.

*Santri kalong*: Students of a school under *pesantren* management but living outside the *pesantren*.

Sarekat Islam (SI): Indonesian Islamic movement established in 1912 in Surakarta (Solo), Central Java.

SAW (*shallallahu alaihi wasallam*) (A.): May God bless him and preserve him.

*Selamatan*: Communal feast.

*Shalawat*: Salutation for Prophet Muhammad.

*Sunat*: Circumcision.

*Sunnah*: Recommended; getting reward for doing but no punishment for skipping; another term for hadith.

*Tafsir*: Qur’anic interpretation.

*Taharah*: Literally means purification; a process to go through before performing prayer.

*Tahlil*: Utterance of the formula of the faith, *la ilaha illa Allah* (there is no God but God).

*Talaq*: Divorce; break-up of marriage.

Tanfidziyah: Executive board of NU.

*Taqlid*: Adhering to a respected person or school in all matters of religion.

*Tarjih*: Finding the strongest opinion from *fiqh* texts.

*Tasamuiyyah* (A.): Literally means tolerance; in practice means accepting differences in faith, ways of thinking, and culture.

Tasawuf: Islamic mysticism, Sufism.

*Tashawwur* (A.): Description.

*Tathawwuriyyah* (A.): The dynamic mindset; one of NU's particular principles that implies that it considers the context in response to various problems.

*Tawadu*: Modesty.

*Tawassuttiyyah* (A.): Moderation.

*Tawazun* (A.): Balanced; balanced in dealing with various issues.

*Tazkiyah* (A.): Recommendation; one of KUPI's fatwa structures.

*Thalib al-'ilm* (A.): A searcher for knowledge.

*Tradisi*: Literally means habit; usually preserved across generations.

*Ubudiah*: Islamic jurisprudence on worship.

UIN (Universitas Islam Negeri): State University for Islamic Studies.

Ulama *jumhur*: The majority of Ulama.

'Urf (A.): Custom or 'adah; see *adat*.

*Ushul fiqh* (A.): The general principles of Islamic jurisprudence.

*Waqaf al-hayat* (A.): Current social lives.

*Waqf* (A.): Charitable trust; endowment.

*Wilayah* (A.): Guardianship.

**Women's Crisis Centre:** An organization established to help women dealing with hard household conditions or similar; found in some regions.

**YKF** (Yayasan Kesejahteraan Fatayat): Fatayat Welfare Foundation.

*Zakat:* The welfare tax.

*Ziarah:* Visitation; often used to refer to the practice of visiting a grave for the purpose of praying for the deceased.

*Zina:* Fornication or adultery.