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Introduction

Indonesia is a country that has a complex education system. Although the Ministry of Education and Culture is given the authority to regulate the national education system, almost every ministry has higher education which is managed separately from the Ministry of Education and Culture. The Ministry of Finance, for example, has a State College of Accountancy whose graduates are accepted as employees at the Ministry of Finance. However, the largest ministry in education management after the Ministry of Education and Culture is the Ministry of Religious Affairs. This ministry manages thousands of Islamic boarding schools, madrasas and universities. In general, Islamic universities are structured under the Religious Affairs Ministry, consisting of State Higher Islamic Education (PTKIN) and Private Islamic Higher Education (PTKIS). PTKIN includes the State Islamic College (STAIN), the State Islamic Institute (IAIN), and the State Islamic University (UIN). According to Lukens-Bull (2013, 2), "State Islamic colleges and universities are playing a key role in the debate about the future of Islam in Indonesia". This is because from these educational institutions a number of Muslim intellectuals have been trained. One of the important actors in training and influencing Muslim intellectuals in the State Islamic colleges, institutes and universities is Harun Nasution.

Harun Nasution is a Muslim thinker in Indonesia who was the Rector of the Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic Institute (IAIN) Jakarta in 1973. His influence is evident in the landscape of Islamic thought among Indonesian Muslims. He firstly influenced the

development of academic traditions at IAIN Jakarta. Harun Nasution further opened up the freedom of thought of Indonesian Muslims. The Islamic religion was seen from a theological, historical, and sociological perspective. His book titled "Islam from various Aspects" opened up the horizons of Muslim's thoughts about the importance of rationality on the one hand and seeing the diversity of understanding of Islam on the other. Harun Nasution emphasized the urgency of critical reflection on past Islamic civilization by distinguishing between normative Islam and historical Islam (Kersteen, 2018: 24).

His other influence in Indonesian Islamic thought development has been significant when his students have become prominent Muslim intellectuals in Indonesia. Its influence in the development of Indonesian Muslim intellectuals can be seen from the recognition of several Muslim intellectuals in Indonesia at this time. Some influential Muslim intellectuals in Indonesia, such as Azyumardi Azra and Komaruddin Hidayat, several times stated the role of Harun Nasution to shape their intellectual journeys. These Muslim intellectuals then disseminated Islamic thought influenced by Harun Nasution to new graduates of Islamic tertiary institutions, especially the State Institute for Islamic Studies (IAIN) or the State Islamic Universities (UIN) in Indonesia. Various books written by Harun Nasution are available to read so that his influence is not only limited to Islamic Higher Education in Indonesia (Bool, 2010: 1).

Harun Nasution is not the only Muslim scholar developing an open academic tradition in Islamic tertiary institutions. Another name is Mukti Ali, who was noted as an important figure in academic changes at IAIN Yogyakarta. They both are alumni of McGill University, Canada. However, Harun Nasution was the first Indonesian Muslim scholar to obtain a Ph.D. in Islamic studies from McGill University in 1969 (Jabali & Jamhari, 2002: 24). In addition, Harun Nasution served in an Islamic tertiary institution located in the capital city of Indonesia. This is an advantage because he has intensive interaction with young Muslim groups from various regions. Most young Indonesian Muslims consider universities in Jakarta to provide new challenges in various aspects, including academic aspects and broad networks. This last aspect provides an opportunity for several Muslim intellectuals from IAIN Jakarta to enjoy an intellectual network that develops from one generation to the next. In that context, Harun Nasution could be placed in this network (Yudi Latif, 2013:454) as a third-generation Indonesian Muslim intellectual.

Several researches done on Islamic higher education in Indonesia have been carried out by scholars. Lukens-Bull (2013) explains about the position of Islamic religious universities in Indonesia which is in the debate between reason and revelation or science and

religion. Pohl (2015) explains that religious studies programs at PTKIN "have to go beyond purely academic concerns and to connect it to theological and ethical-political goals". Jackson and Bahrissalim (2007) show that PTKIN accepts the new curriculum for citizenship education that integrates the concepts of citizenship with western notions of democracy. In another article, Pohl (2011) also shows that Islamic higher education in Indonesia has an important role in promoting interfaith harmony, tolerance and peace. The above study needs to be sharpened by looking specifically at who are the actors playing an important role in developing Islamic universities and influencing their graduates who later become Muslim intellectuals in Indonesia. Several articles discussing Harun Nasution are abundant in Indonesian literature. This shows his wide influence on the traditions of contemporary Indonesian Islamic civilization. However, most of the articles or books that were written focused more on the aspects of Harun Nasution's Islamic thought. The writings discussing his thought can be divided into two camps. The first camp is supporters of Harun Nasution's thoughts, and another camp is opponents or critical scholars of his thoughts. One of the critical articles in the first group is an article written by Saiful Mujani (1994). He wrote about Harun Nasution's primary thoughts, which focused on the modernization of Muslim thought by emphasizing a rational view of life. In detail, Mujani explains Harun Nasution's thoughts and his central role in curriculum reform at IAIN and the crucial points of Harun Nasution's thought that contributed positively to the modernization of Muslim groups in Indonesia. Amilah Awang Abd Rahman (2020:336-355) represents the critical point of view of Harun Nasution's thoughts. According to this writer, Harun Nasution's thoughts rooted in the tradition of the Mu'tazilite school can have a negative impact on the understanding and development of Muslim society in general.

This paper intends to support the first camp by explaining the influence of Harun Nasution in shaping and developing Muslim intellectuals in Indonesia. Even though as an alumnus of an undergraduate program from Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University Jakarta, the author never interacted directly with Harun Nasution because he had studied at the State Islamic University of Jakarta already retired. Even so, I felt Harun Nasution's influence was so strong among academics of Islamic studies because I was struggling and working in the dynamics of Islamic thought at one of the state Islamic universities, Sultan Syarif Kasim Riau Islamic University. Therefore, this paper intends to objectively analyze the impact of Harun Nasution in forming a network of an open and competitive generation of Indonesian intellectual Muslims. This paper will not discuss in depth Harun Nasution's thoughts in detail. This is because many articles have discussed this issue, namely Muzani

(1994), Abd Rahman (2020), Khomaidi (2005), Bool (2010), Muhammad Arifin (2014), Abdus Syakur (2015), Munir (2017), Irfan (2018), Yanti (2017), Aprison (2015), Shelehuddin (2010), Hutasuhut (2017), Hidayat (2015), and Wirman (2013). Therefore, this article intends to discuss another issue of Harun Nasution's role in shaping the development of Muslim intellectual networks in Indonesia.

This article investigates Harun Nasution's role in developing an intellectual network in Indonesia. He provides inspiration for subsequent generations to recognize and be interested in studying rational Islam. Thus, the role of Harun Nasution in this aspect is seen as an implication of the application of Islamic thought that he developed. The rational Islam that he proposes is fundamental in shaping the development of Muslim intellectuals in Indonesia. Therefore his significant influence in shaping and developing a generation of Muslim intellectuals afterward is well seen when one traces the emergence of generations of Muslim intellectuals from Indonesian Islamic universities afterward. Furthermore, thanks to his role, many lecturers and researchers in UIN or IAIN have studied Islam from multiple perspectives such as historical and sociological approaches, not only normative approaches.

This research uses interviews and works of literature to get the data. This paper will answer the following main questions; what was the Indonesian social context like when Harun Nasution formed and developed a generation of Muslim intellectuals in Indonesia? Apart from his role in the field of thought, what is the other leading role that encourages the emergence of a generation of contemporary Muslim intellectuals who are alumni of IAIN or UIN in Indonesia? This article also employs interviews to know the extent to which the contemporary intellectual network of Harun Nasution in Universitas Islam Negeri (UIN) Sultan Syarif Kasim Riau. The interview was done among five lecturers of UIN Sultan Syarif Kasim Riau. They are selected based on the purposive sampling technique. In this article, all their names are pseudonyms to protect their privacy.

This article argues that Anthony Giddens' structuration theory (2010) and Arjun Appadurai's (1998) ideascape concept help explain the influence of Harun Nasution in developing rational Islamic thought among Muslim intellectuals in Indonesia. In this case, the influence of Harun Nasution's thinking underwent a process of negotiation among Indonesian Muslim intellectuals. Muslim intellectuals as agents have negotiated Harun Nasution's thought as a structure. Harun Nasution's thoughts influenced some Muslim intellectuals, but others were not. Muslim intellectuals influenced by Harun Nasution's thoughts actively developed their thinking creatively and sustainably. The thoughts developed by his successors are not the same but have substantially the same goal, namely to develop an

inclusive and rational Islam. In addition, globalization has encouraged various ideas and thoughts from various sources and parts of the world. Harun Nasution's thoughts are not the only thoughts consumed by Muslim intellectual circles in Indonesia. These varieties of Islamic thought then compete, influencing Indonesian Muslim intellectuals. Thus, Muslim figures or intellectuals who are part of Harun Nasution's network of Muslim intellectuals are not singly influenced by Harun Nasution's thoughts. They are also influenced by Islamic thoughts from other Muslim figures or intellectuals. This then causes the hybridity of thought among Indonesian Muslim intellectuals.

A Brief Biography of Harun Nasution

Harun Nasution was born on 23 September 1923 in South Tapanuli, North Sumatra. Even though he was born during the colonial period, Harun Nasution would grow intellectually during the Soeharto regime. He came from an educated family. This can be seen from their parents' efforts to send Harun to an educational institution. At that time, it was scarce for parents to have the thought of sending their children to school. This is influenced by the low spirit and because of economic capacity. From this, it can be assumed that Harun's parents had at least two things: the progress of thinking that transcended his era. The second was the financial ability that was above the general public's average at that time.

His father was a religious employee in the Dutch era. Of course, the father cannot be categorized as incapable in terms of income received. However, only Harun Nasution managed to study up to the high school level among his brothers and sisters. This shows the vital personal role of Harun Nasution. In this context, he played a role in encouraging the enthusiasm for learning so that he managed to become an influential intellectual figure in Indonesia. Within Harun, there was a spirit of renewal since childhood. This worries the parents who tend to have a traditional view. No wonder his parents then sent Harun to Mecca to study religion. This was done to reduce the possibility of Harun's thinking being more progressive. When Harun Nasution was dispatched to Mecca, he criticized the situation there. He (Uchrawi & Thaha, 1989: 11) states that "in Mecca, I saw the middle ages in the modern age."

Nevertheless, over time, the efforts made by his parents were unsuccessful. Harun then went to Egypt to study religion. Even then, he was allowed to study Islamic studies at McGill University. He completed his master's and Ph.D. studies there (Uchrawi & Thaha, 1989: 3-10). Harun Nasution is the first Indonesian who successfully passed his Ph.D. from McGill University.

The success of Harun in pursuing higher education in the West can at least be explored as follows. First, Harun had a spirit of change based on himself. This shows that the basis of Islamic thought that he later developed departed from his personal experience. His efforts to study a rational religion never went out of his way. As he described, he was unable to satisfy his enthusiasm for Islamic study (Uchrawi & Thaha, 1989). Second, Harun Nasution, in pursuing higher education at McGill University, has encouraged his students to study Islam at Western universities.

Modernization of Indonesian Muslims

The main project of the New Order government after the fall of the Old Order was modernization through various channels, including infrastructure development and education. The New Order cabinet under Suharto's control was named the Development Cabinet. The name indicates that this government wants to differentiate itself from the previous regime, which seemed to have not prioritized development. In this context, political stability became another keyword in the Soeharto government. Political activity is controlled in such a way for that reason. During the Suharto era, political Islam was prohibited. This prohibition certainly impacts the activities of the Indonesian Islamic community, which previously-during the old order era-struggling in politics to be reduced, not completely lost.

The reduced political activity of Islam provides space for Indonesian Muslims to focus on developing non-political activities (Rosidi, 2022). It is not surprising that Islamic thought was quite developed during the New Order era than during the Old Order. This responds to the socio-political conditions at that time. Some Muslim intellectuals such as Nurcholish Madjid, Abdur Rahman Wahid, Dawam Rahardjo, and others are active in non-political areas. Nurcholish Madjid carries Islamic thought, which emphasizes the urgency of the Muslim community to prioritize the essence of Islam instead of Islamic symbols. One of his well-known points of thought is 'Islam yes, Islamic Party no.' Abdur Rahman Wahid, who was elected president of Indonesia in 2000, has similarities in Islamic thought to Nurcholish Madjid. Dawam Rahardjo focuses on the economic development of Muslims, so thanks to his efforts, economic empowerment programs for Muslim communities developed quite a bit in the 1980s in Indonesia (Liddle, 1997:xxii-xxiii).

On the other hand, the New Order mobilized existing resources for development projects, which became jargon. The education development promoted by the New Order brought benefits to Muslims, who are the majority population of Indonesia. Primary schools were established in remote villages to encourage increased community literacy so that

increased economic growth was seen during this regime (Pringle, 2010:92-93). The success of economic development and increased access to education compared to the old order by the government helped increase the social mobility of Muslims in Indonesia. In the colonial era and the old order, Muslims did not enjoy this education in previous times. As more and more Muslims enjoy education, this becomes fertile ground for Muslim intellectual growth on the national stage.

In fact, before this time, many Muslim intellectuals appeared on the national stage in Indonesia. They include M. Nastir, Ki Bagus Adikusumo, M. Mansur, Wahid Hasjim and others. However, the Muslim intellectuals who emerged during this period differed from those who grew up during the colonial period or the old order. This was influenced by the socio-political context of their time. The Muslim intellectuals mentioned above tend to try to revive political Islam. The political instability at that time could have contributed to the orientation of Muslim intellectual thought to the political realm. The New Order government maintained a climate of political stability so that the progress of Islamic thought did not touch the realm of political Islam. Muslim intellectuals such as Harun Nasution supported the New Order policy, which focused on development. Harun Nasution (Uchrawi & Thaha, 1989:45) said:

I returned to Indonesia because I agreed with the New Order. There were many changes made by this government, especially compared to the Old Order or that in Egypt, Pakistan, India, or Syria at the same time.

Harun Nasution's support of the New Order was not based on political interest. He was never involved in a political area at that time. This is, of course, based on the aspects of the benefits of development received by Muslims in Indonesia. For Harun, the Old Order era was filled with political uproar so that the government did not focus on development. This is different from the New Order era, which focused on political stability and development. In this social condition, Harun Nasution developed his Islamic thought so that his thoughts influenced several educated Muslims.

Making New Muslim Intellectuals from Classroom

Like many other thinkers globally, Harun Nasution was an Islamic thinker who influenced many others. Most of the Muslims who knew and followed Harun's thoughts were his students or students of his students. This shows that Harun Nasution's thoughts reach out to certain social classes of Muslim groups. A Muslim group is mainly a group of santri (Muslims who graduated from Islamic schools or Pesantren) pursuing undergraduate and postgraduate education at Islamic universities. Harun's thoughts did not spread to all Muslim

circles. However, because his group was limited, Harun Nasution's thoughts had a more decisive influence on his followers. His followers are mainly students, alumni, and lecturers at IAIN or UIN in Indonesia. However, it should be noted that not all students, alumni, and lecturers at IAIN or UIN in Indonesia like or follow Harun Nasution's thoughts.

Harun Nasution's prominent role that is useful and rarely discussed is his influence in reforming the IAIN which then provides opportunities for students studying there to have inclusive and rational thinking. Harun's role was very prominent after he became rector at IAIN Jakarta. As rector of IAIN Jakarta, the first thing he did was reforming the curriculum of IAIN Jakarta. Harun argued that the existing curriculum at that time did not support the advancement of Islam. Islamic thought that developed at that time at IAIN Jakarta was dominated by *fiqh* (Islamic Jurisprudence) thought. The Fiqh thinking tends to be narrow and does not open up space for diversity of thought. In 1973, during a meeting of IAIN rectors throughout Indonesia in Ciumbuleuit, Harun proposed an important change in the IAIN curriculum by including a number of compulsory courses for students at IAIN. These courses include Introduction to Religion, Philosophy, Sufism, Theology, Tawhid, Sociology and Research Methodology. At first, Harun's efforts were rejected by a number of other IAIN rectors. However, thanks to the support of a number of high-ranking officials at the Ministry of Religion, Harun's proposal was accepted.

In addition to overhauling the curriculum at IAIN, Harun also held a discussion forum at IAIN Jakarta. This discussion forum is called the Islamic Study Forum (FPI) which discusses many issues related to the renewal of Islamic thought (Uchrawi & Thaha, 1989: 57). Some of the topics discussed included inheritance rights between sons and daughters. In this forum the opinion was put forward that their inheritance rights should be the same because today women also have the same role as men. Such an opinion is certainly contrary to the general view of Muslims.

Curriculum reform and the establishment of a discussion forum at IAIN has created an essential connection between IAIN students and modernity. As pointed out by Ali (2016), during Western colonialism in Malay lands, the interaction of Malay Muslims with Western, Dutch, and British colonials has enabled Muslim reformers in Indonesia and Malaysia to be motivated to encourage modernization projects among Malay Muslims. Although it is recognized that the negative impact of Dutch and British colonialism on Malay lands is not balanced with this, the Western influence in the manifestation of 'modernity is seen, for example, in the use of print media in spreading Islamic reform at that time.

Generally, the IAIN or UIN has an adequate Islamic education from the madrasah or Pondok pesantren (Islamic boarding school). They continue to study at IAIN or UIN to become modern people and maintain their piety as Muslims. They generally come from villages in remote parts of Indonesia. Coming to the provincial capital where the IAIN or UIN is located, their primary concern is to become modern to increase their social mobility. Coming from ordinary families in the village, they want to become victorious Muslims in their careers. The combination of the desire to get a successful life and become a good Muslim has become fertile ground for the growth of Harun Nasution's thoughts among students of IAIN or UIN. This is reflected in his simple sentence which is always remembered by his students, namely "pengetahuan-pengetahuan dalam bidang keagamaan, bukan melulu berdasarkan wahyu (knowledge in the religious field, not solely based on revelation)" (Ali & Taftazani, 1989: 111).

The desire to become modern has encouraged a number of students at IAIN to have an open and rational mind. Harun's rational and open thinking inspired a number of his students to continue studying Islam at home and abroad. Some of Harun's students continued their studies to the West, some to the Middle East and some to continue their studies under his guidance at IAIN Jakarta. Mohammad Atho 'Mudzhar (2016:6), a well-known Muslim intellectual and former Rector of IAIN Sunan Kalijaga Jogjakarta, said:

Another factor strongly motivated me to study Islam abroad, namely the return of Dr. Harun Nasution from McGill University, Canada, to Indonesia and served at IAIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta around 1969. I received lectures from him in the doctoral level course, especially on Islamic philosophy and mysticism. I liked his lectures, was very disciplined in time, broad-minded, and liked questions from students. The critical and rational attitude of Harun Nasution in describing his lecture materials motivated me to study Islam abroad.

In this regard, Atho Mudzhar's interest in studying Islam was influenced by the desire to follow Harun's footsteps. Mudzhar is excited to study at McGill University, Canada since Harun Nasution, in this context, contributed to shaping his enthusiasm for learning.

Another figure who admits to being influenced by Harun Nasution is Azyumardi Azra (2016: 72-73). He wasthe rector of UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta for two periods. Azra is an alumnus of Columbia University. Harun Nasution's influence on Azra was seen, for example, when he said:

As an alumnus of education faculty in IAIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta, I turned from education to history due to Harun Nasution's suggestion. He forced me to study

history for my master's study. Retrospectively, Harun's suggestion became a blessing in disguise for me....I wanted to study contemporary Islamic thought, "Din Syamsuddin and Mulyadhi Kartanegara already took Islamic studies; you should not take the same study," said Harun calmly. As his student, I then follow the suggestion.

Atho Mudzhar and Azyumardi Azra are Muslim intellectuals who fully acknowledge Harun Nasution's involvement in building their intellectual foundations. Azyumardi Azra, thanks to Harun's influence, is now a Muslim intellectual figure who is influential in the agenda of Islamic reform in Indonesia. Azyumardi Azra, through his lectures and writings, has contributed to shaping and developing Muslim intellectuals in Indonesia. This marks a significant change in the phase of Islamic intellectual development in Indonesia.

Harun's contribution and role can be seen when one sees the recognition of several intellectuals who have managed to get the opportunity to study abroad. Harun's influence in encouraging them to study abroad is shown by the open and critical atmosphere of Harun's teaching or lecture. Komaruddin Hidayat (2016: 40-43), a prominent Muslim intellectual in Indonesia who graduated from university in Turkey, mentioned:

Islam is approached as a historical-sociological phenomenon and reality to see how Islam originating from divine revelation interacts with culture. This approach feels new, enriches my understanding... we are fortunate every week to get lectures directly from Prof. Harun Nasution... Pak Harun Nasution always appreciates students' critical questions.

Komaruddin Hidayat (1989) also admitted that Harun Nasution asked him to continue his studies abroad when he quit at the University of Indonesia. He reported to Harun Nasution after he had stopped studying at the campus. This is because Harun Nasution asked Komaruddin Hidayat to study philosophy at the University of Indonesia. Then, according to Komaruddin Hidayat (1989: 291), Harun Nasutian suggested:

Okay, if you are not happy at UI, study abroad. As long as you want to be a little patient and try, God willing, it is not difficult to get the opportunity to study abroad.

Harun gave and delivered lecture materials openly and critically. This may differentiate Harun Nasution from other lecturers. His different teaching methods and more substantive Islamic material encourage students to see where Harun got such knowledge. Harun Nasution did a new chapter in Islamic reform in Indonesia from the 1980s. This distinction makes lecture rooms and lecturers of UIN or IAIN in Indonesia a new locomotive for rational, critical, open, and moderate Islam.

Nowadays, teaching Islam that is open in UIN or IAIN is common. Students are no longer considered passive objects, but they can explain specific lectures. This teaching model is a trail left by Harun Nasution. This is a new chapter of Islamic renewal in Indonesia from the classroom. Unlike the primary and secondary levels, universities in Indonesia provide an entire space for lecturers to design curriculum and materials autonomously. Some UIN and IAIN in Indonesia then introduced several courses that encourage open and inclusive teaching of Islamic studies. Some of these subjects are Introduction to Islamic Religion, Philosophy, Mysticism / Sufism, Theology, Sociology, and Research Methodology. Harun Nasution proposed all these courses in 1973 during the IAIN rector meeting in Indonesia (Jabali & Jamhari, 2002: p.33).

Then UIN and IAIN are no longer seen as mere da'wah institutions but as academic institutions (Jabali & Jamhari, 2002: x). Thanks to Harun Nasution, Islamic reform issues were raised through discussion rooms in lectures at UIN and IAIN. Thus, there have been changes in Islam's modernization project or renewal in Indonesia at the end of the decade. The impact of this change is the emergence of Muslim intellectual networks on IAIN and UIN. After Harun Nasution died, the figures who were generally dominant in building the Islamic modernization project were lecturers who taught at the IAIN or UIN campus, mainly UIN Jakarta. They are the students of Harun Nasution. Some of them are Azyumardi Azra, Komaruddin Hidayat, and Bahtiar Effendy. Today, they then create new Mulsim intellectuals from the classrooms. This shows the emergence of an Islamic intellectual network based on UIN and IAIN in Indonesia by Harun Nasution (Azra, 1989: 358). The central figure of Harun Nasution in this new intellectual network, according to Azra, was supported by Harun's intellectual capacity and his role as rector, director of post-graduates and lecturer at IAIN Jakarta.

As postgraduate director at IAIN Jakarta, Harun determines the direction of postgraduate education policy. In choosing the topic and discussion of the dissertation, Harun has a great influence on postgraduate students. If one looks at the dissertation written at IAIN Jakarta, it is clear that Harun's influence in Islamic thinking among post-graduate students is visible. This can be seen from 60% of postgraduate dissertations at IAIN Jakarta discussing Islamic thought (Jabali & Jamhari, p. 43).

Harun's Muslim intellectual network has deep roots in State Islamic Higher Education (PTKIN). In general, classrooms are central because Harun provides several subjects relevant to his intellectual development project. Azra (1989) states that the courses taught by Harun Nasution were the initial means for Muslim intellectual development between himself and the

students in his class. The Muslim intellectual network built by Harun was then continued by lecturers who teach at PTKIN (IAIN or UIN).

The intellectual network developed by Harun Nasution has its distinction compared to, for example, Nurcholish Madjid. If Nurcholish Madjid developed his thinking through a private educational institution, Paramadina, which was limited to Jakarta, then Harun Nasution developed his thinking through PTKIN, which reached almost every province in Indonesia. Through his position as rector of IAIN Jakarta at that time, his influence was certainly not small among the leaders of PTKIN in Indonesia. No wonder, thanks to his suggestion, some new courses were introduced in PTKIN throughout Indonesia. An introductory course in Islamic studies, for example, has become a compulsory subject until now in some Indonesian PTKIN.

Due to the inter-campus network of PTKIN, Harun Nasution influenced several Muslim intellectuals of the next generation who were scattered in various regions in Indonesia. This generation of intellectual successors to Harun Nasution then influenced the younger generation to form such an intellectual network. The intellectual generation influenced by Harun Nasution is lecturers at PTKIN. This shows the contribution of Harun Nasution in shaping the emergence of Muslim intellectuals in Indonesia based on campus.

After Harun Nasution: the Case of UIN Suska Riau

Harun Nasution's Muslim intellectual network outside IAIN (now UIN) Jakarta can be seen from the experience of UIN Suska Riau lecturer in interacting and getting acquainted with Harun Nasution's thoughts. Ahmad said he knew Harun Nasution's thoughts from a book he borrowed from his brother. He said:

When I studied undergraduate level, my lecturer never introduced me to Harun Nasution and his thoughts. My interaction with Harun Nasution's thoughts began when I read a book written by Harun Nasution on my brother's bookshelf. From there, I began to understand that Harun Nasution's role was significant in developing the academic tradition where I was studying at that time (Ahmad, personal communication, June 20, 2020).

Ahmad's understanding of Harun Nasution's thoughts was obtained through books written by Harun Nasution. This indirect interaction illustrates that Harun Nasution's intellectual network is sustainable. In this case, Harun built his intellectual network through books. He wrote several books discussing the urgency of reason in understanding Islamic teachings. His book entitled 'Islam ditinjau dari Berbagai Aspeknya (Islam in terms of its

various aspects) became important reading for students in 1973. This book encourages readers to understand that Islam is open to various approaches.

Through the books he wrote, the thoughts developed continued to be developed and discussed by his students or Muslim intellectuals. In the Harun Nasution network, books play an important role because from the books he wrote, people know Harun's thoughts. Some of his students are also active in writing books, so sometimes people see Harun Nasution's intellectual traces in a number of the thoughts of his students. Through books and articles written by his students, people see Harun Nasution's thoughts in them. Nirwan (Personal communication, July 2th, 2020) said "I don't even really understand Harun Nasution's philosophical thoughts. However, I know the thoughts of his students—for example, Azyumardi Azra. I have several books by Azyumardi Azra but none of Harun Nasution's books".

Harun Nasution's intellectual network, which his students continued, was considered quite successful in developing rational, inclusive, and tolerant Islamic studies. However, globalization has increased various kinds of exchange of ideas from various parts of the world. It is impossible to claim that the thoughts of a Muslim intellectual originated solely from the thoughts of Harun Nasution. Likewise, in the context of the development of Harun Nasution's thoughts at the Sultan Syarif Kasim Riau Islamic University (UIN), Harun Nasution's intellectual network is not the only single intellectual network that has grown and developed here. Appadurai (1998: 36) shows the emergence of various ideas from various parts of the world due to globalization with the term ideascapes. This term can be related to the emergence of various kinds of Islamic ideas and thoughts that did not come solely from Harun Nasution's intellectual network.

This was also shown by Ali, a lecturer at UIN Sultan Syarif Kasim Riau. He says:

Harun Nasution certainly influenced my thinking, but not as much as Nurcholish Madjid. Harun Nasution was very influential in developing academic traditions at IAIN Jakarta but not at UIN Suska Riau. In my opinion, Harun Nasution's thoughts are also rooted in UIN Suska, but rational Islamic thought at UIN Suska Riau now is stagnant (Ali, personal communication, July 7, 2020)

Hasroni agrees with Ali's statement above. He says, " It is true that Harun Nasution's thoughts are not very strong at UIN Suska Riau, but that does not mean there are no supporters. I am a supporter of Harun Nasution's thoughts...but Islamic thought here tends to be normative" (Hasroni, personal communication, July 8, 2020).

The tendency of normative Islamic thought is a common phenomenon in Indonesia which is influenced by the 'conservative turn'. It has been suggested by Bruinessen (2013)

that after the fall of the New Order, the diversity of Islamic thought emerged as a result of the freedom and democracy proclaimed by the government. One of the Islamic thoughts that also developed is conservative Islamic thought which refers to a textual approach to Islamic teachings. Conservative Islamic thought is also developing at UIN Suska Riau. The domination of Harun Nasution's thinking is not visible at UIN Suska Riau. Harun Nasution's Muslim intellectual network is not the only intellectual network developed at UIN Suska Riau. In this context, UIN Suska Riau is different from UIN Jakarta. At UIN Suska Riau, there is no leader who stands out in pursuit of Islamic reform as Harun Nasution, Azyumardi Azra and Komaruddin Hidayat. The three Muslim intellectuals mentioned developed their thinking through academic channels and led UIN Syarif Hidayatullah as a rector. The academic and bureaucratic paths that have been successfully taken by Azyumardi Azra and Komaruddin Hidayat at UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta have strengthened the basis of Harun Nasution's intellectual network at UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta.

Conservative Islamic thought is quite influential at UIN Suska Riau. Supporters of this thought are respected at this campus because they have deep knowledge of Islamic studies. They generally reject the rational Islamic approach developed by Harun Nasution. This view reflects the understanding Islam exclusively. This can be seen from the example of Nadirsyah Hosen's refusal as a speaker at the campus. The public lecture and book review by Raihani, a professor at UIN Suska Riau, are planned to present Nadirsyah Hosen, a moderate Muslim intellectual. This educational event was planned by ISAIS (Institute of Southeast Asian Studies) UIN Suska Riau to be held on campus on May 17, 2017. However, due to strong resistance from students to this activity, the event was finally moved off campus (Riauantara. co accessed on Monday, December 14, 2020, 01.11 PM). ISAIS is an autonomous institution similar to PPIM at UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta led by Alimuddin, a PhD alumnus from UIN Jakarta. This shows that this organization has a relationship with Harun Nasution's intellectual network since it develops rational Islam. This has resulted in an undeniable contestation of the Muslim intellectual network between Harun Nasution and the conservative Islam network on campus.

Several years earlier, almost the same case had also occurred at UIN Suska Riau on October 20, 2013 (m.merdeka.com accessed on December 14, 2020, 01.29 PM). This is related to the planned attendance of Ulil Abshar Abdalla as a speaker at a seminar organized by the Student Executive Board of the Faculty of Ushuluddin. As a figure known as the founder of the Liberal Islam Network (JIL), Ulil is considered to have Islamic thoughts that are not much different from Harun Nasution. As a result of the strong rejection from the

campus, even officially the Ushuluddin faculty dean conveyed the rejection, Ulil finally returned to Jakarta without giving an academic lecture. The refusal cases show that Harun Nasution's Muslim intellectual network at UIN Suska Riau is weak. This is influenced by the dominance of conservative Islamic thought and the development of da'wah in Pekanbaru.

Da'wah in the city of Pekanbaru has proliferated in recent years. The rapid development of this dakwah was mainly driven by two da'wah organizations in Pekanbaru, IKMI (Idaroh Kemakmuran Masjid Indonesia) and MDI (Islamic Da'wah Council). The da'wah developed by these two organizations is almost the same as several other dakwah organizations. These two da'wah organizations are not aimed externally at Islamizing the non-Muslim community, but they aim to increase the piety of the Muslim community. Their presence in da'wah activities can be found in every mosque in Pekanbaru. They send out da'i regularly, at least twice a week. This organization, in turn, sends preachers to become preachers for Friday prayers and weekly preaching. Mosques provide facilities, honorariums, and listeners, while IKMI and MDI provide preachers. The relationship between the two da'wah organizations with mosques in Pekanbaru did the Islamization project designed to run quite effectively. Prachers in this da'wah organization are dominated by lecturers or graduates of UIN Suska Riau. It is not surprising that the preaching's content is normative, following the missionary objectives of the two organizations.

One of the preachers in this network who successfully developed his da'wah at the national level was Ustadz Abdul Shomad. Initially, he was a preacher from the IKMI who routinely gave religious lectures at mosques in Pekanbaru. The breadth of his knowledge in conveying Islamic studies with a normative approach has made the public respect and appreciate him.

The presence of da'wah at mosques in Pekanbaru has encouraged widespread Islamization in Pekanbaru. This motivated UIN Suska Riau did the same. Every week, instead of scientific discussion activities, UIN Suska Riau, through the bureaucracy, regularly schedules da'wah activities on campus. This da'wah activity is carried out on campus every Friday morning. Every UIN Suska Riau employee must attend lecturers who have additional duties as campus bureaucrats. UIN Suska Riau leaders, from the rector to the Faculty Dean, regularly attend this activity. The rector always makes time to attend if he is not on duty out of town. The rector always makes a speech before the preacher delivers the contents of his preaching. The rector always conveyed the importance of this activity to increase the piety of campus residents. This da'wah activity is called 'wirid.' This activity is held every week on Friday morning. Every week, the 'wirid' activity is filled by lecturers and staff at UIN Suska

Riau from different faculties. Thus, preachers in this da'wah activity are lecturers or employees with good religious teaching skills. In general, the preaching's content is normative, such as an invitation to increase faith and morality. There is no room for discussion or question and answer in this activity because the purpose is not for academic activities. The preacher will usually deliver the contents of his preaching in approximately one hour so that this activity ends at 09.00 am.

This strengthening da'wah activity is in line with the desire of the UIN Suska Riau campus to increase the piety of employees and lecturers. This at least reduces the development of Harun Nasution's Muslim intellectual network on this campus. Academic activities that look at Islam from various perspectives, as suggested by Harun Nasution, do not exist in da'wah activities like this. The 'wirid,' which was held regularly with an attendance list, forced almost all employees at UIN Suska Riau to attend and listen to the delivered religious lectures. Besides aiming to increase the faith and piety of employees and lecturers at UIN Suksa Riau, activities like this also aim to improve the ability of lecturers as religious preachers. Instead of the ability to deliver academic papers, lecturers are expected to have the ability to convey normative messages of Islam.

The decisive rejection that has happened before has become a black shadow which is a fundamental factor for the absence of academic activities in Islamic studies at UIN Suska Riau. However, this does not mean that there are no lecturers who have open, moderate, and inclusive thinking as the hallmarks of Harun Nasution's intellectual network. Busro says, "This does not mean that all of my friends here agree with the ideas developed by conservative lecturers. We do not have the bureaucratic power they do. Besides, there are certainly more than us. " (Busro, personal communication, July 9, 2020).

Generally, voicing a rational, moderate, and inclusive Islam as developed by Harun Nasution's intellectual network requires courage. This is because certain Muslim groups outside the UIN Suska Riau campus can do anything to reduce or stop such thoughts from developing. Most of the resistance to the development of open and moderate Islamic thought at UIN Suska Riau was initially carried out by socio-religious organizations outside the campus. An example is a rejection of Nasr Hamid Abu Zayd's presence in the 7th ACIS on November 23, 2007, held at the UIN Suska Riau campus (ayok.wordpress.com accessed on December 14, 2020, 02.34 PM). In this case, the Riau Province MUI (Indonesian Ulama Council) put up a strong rejection which caused Nasr Hamid Abu Zayd to cancel his attendance at the event. The main reason for this rejection was Nasr Hamid Abu Zayd's thought which was considered liberal. Despite this fact, most Riau Province MUI

administrators are lecturers or staff of UIN Suska Riau. Thus, the Muslim intellectual network of Harun Nasution at UIN Suska Riau did not develop solely not because of the campus academic climate but also because conditions outside the campus influenced it. As mentioned above, the rapid development of da'wah in Pekanbaru has resulted in a trend of strengthening Islamic studies that emphasizes a normative approach. This socio-religious condition in Pekanbaru allows the absence of strong support from the UIN Suska Riau campus bureaucracy for academic activities oriented towards strengthening rational, inclusive, and tolerant Islam.

This has fostered enthusiasm to position UIN Suska Riau as a da'wah institution, not an academic institution. This trend corroborates the findings of Martin van Bruinessen regarding the strengthening of conservative Islam in Indonesia. Martin (2013: 3) says, "By 2015, it appeared that a conservative turn had taken place in mainstream Islam and that the modernist and liberal views that had until recently found relatively broad support within Muhammadiyah and NU were increasingly rejected."

Thus, the symptoms that occur at UIN Suska Riau can be called a conservative turn phenomenon among Muslim intellectuals at UIN Suska Riau. Martin van Bruinessen (2013: 5) describes two main factors that cause the growth of this conservative turn trend. First, the more robust democratization after the collapse of the New Order regime has contributed to the emergence of a conservative turn in Indonesia. Second, the growth of transnational Islamic networks, mainly from the Middle East, influences this conservative trend. In the case of UIN Suska Riau, these two arguments can be used to describe how Harun Nasution's influence has been reduced in the academic realm along with social changes that occur outside the UIN Suska campus.

However, Muslim intellectuals at UIN Suska Riau are active social actors. In this case, they are agents conducting negotiations with various ideas, including those of Harun Nasution. This negotiation was in line with the arrival of conservative Islamic thought network. As Muslims, they wanted to display the piety found in Islamic thought developed by conservative Islam. However, they also strive to become rational Islamic intellectuals found in Harun Nasution's Islamic thought. This negotiation can be seen from several academic activities at UIN Suska Riau. Learning practices that emphasize discussion and question and answer are still being carried out in all classes on this campus. Students are asked to write papers and discuss them openly actively. Lecturers are also involved in some research in Islamic studies with various approaches, not merely the normative approach. However, several Islamic studies at the Campus Mosque displayed normative Islamic thought. In this

case, classrooms are still central in developing Harun Nasution's intellectual network, while the Campus Mosque is fertile for conservative Islam networks. However, it is the fact that UIN Suska Riau still develops a rational academic tradition, such as student-centered learning activities and study group discussions.

Conclusion

The assumption that Harun Nasution's thinking is philosophical and, therefore, difficult to realize in social reality has been refuted in this article. This article proves that people do not need the details of the contents of an intellectual's thoughts, but rather their influence in opening people's minds to take action. Harun Nasution's methods in providing lecture materials proved to inspire the generation of intellectuals under him to do the same, seeking knowledge to universities in Indonesia and abroad as he does. From Harun Nasution, they understood that learning and disseminating Islam that was open and rational following what he conveyed was necessary.

The Muslim intellectual network developed by Harun Nasution has contributed significantly to the emergence of a new generation of Muslim intellectuals based on the IAIN and UIN campuses in Indonesia today. The emergence of many cross-disciplinary Muslim intellectuals in Indonesia who graduated from IAIN and UIN mainly was directly or indirectly influenced by Harun Nasution's intellectual network. They are Muslim intellectuals who promote an inclusive, rational, and moderate Islam. The classrooms strengthen this Muslim intellectual network with Harun Nasution as the central figure at IAIN or UIN. However, by showing UIN Suska Riau as a case study, this article finds that the Muslim intellectual network promoting Harun Nasution's thought has not grown recently. This is caused by various ideas including the conservative Islamic thought. The contest of ideas promoted by Harun Nasution's intellectual network and the conservative Islam can be seen from several cases rejecting Muslim intellectuals promoting liberal and rational Islam to be speakers at UIN Suska Riau.

Today, the biggest challenge for Harun Nasution's Muslim intellectual network is the emergence of students with secular educational backgrounds (SMA or Senior High School and SMK or Vocational High School) in several PTKIN in Indonesia. They generally have inadequate Islamic education, so it has great potential to cut off Harun Nasution's Muslim intellectual network at the IAIN or UIN. Several research results have detected this trend. One of them is an article written by Dina Afrianty (2012). Therefore further research needs to seek the impact of Harun Nasution's thought among contemporary Muslim students in the

Islamic State Higher Education in Indonesia, such as UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta, Sultan Syarif Kasim Riau, UIN Sunan Gunung Djati, and many others. Perhaps, the weakening academic climate in the Islamic thought landscape affiliated with Harun Nasution's thought at UIN Suska Riau may also be found in other PTKIN in Indonesia.

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