



**Reports on Ongoing and Past Research Project
Laboratorium Bantenologi's Biographies of *Ulama*
and Religious Leaders in Banten 1810-2000**

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Laboratorium Bantenologi has currently conducted research and written the biographies of *ulama* (teachers of Islamic knowledge) and religious leaders in Banten who lived between 1810-2000. The Laboratorium have categorized a number of certain criteria for the *ulama* to be included in the biographies which are deemed significant in the nomination process. Such criteria are 1) the genealogy of science (specialization and field of science), 2) the period, 3) the typology and the institution of teaching, 4) intellectual (academic) careers and or politics, and 5) their legacy (works, organizations and thoughts). Furthermore, the biographies will be a part of a (bigger) book project called *Encyclopedia of Indonesian Ulama and Religious Leaders*.

The category 'genealogy of science' would mean that in Banten it comprises three groups based on the *ulama*'s role and influence during their lifespan and the legacy they left behind. They are: 1) intellectualism with Syekh Nawawi al-Bantani (1813-1899) as the hub, 2) mysticism or Sufism with Syekh Abdul Karim Tanara as the hub, and 3) the invulnerability art and mystic-shamanism with Haji Moekri as the hub.

The grouping focuses strictly on legacy. To illustrate, the *ulama* in the first group were a member of a certain *tarekat* (Islamic mysticism) as well as understand the science of medication and invulnerability art and vice versa. Haji Moekri, for example, besides believed by his students as having magical or divine power, he was also a follower of a *tarekat* which were allowed to certify (*mengijazahkan*) the *sanad* of a *tarekat* to more than 76 individuals in Nusantara.

The genealogy of science also refers to the place of learning. In relation to that, the Banten-Mecca axe must be mentioned in the history of the genealogy due to the significance of the position of this axe in the history of the genealogy in Banten.

The project covers four periods in relation to the (greater) book project *Encyclopedia of Indonesian Ulama and Religious Leaders*: 1) 1810-1850,

2) 1851-1900, 3) 1901-1940 and 4) 1941-2000. Each period covers 40 to 60 years, based on the *ulama*'s intellectual, spiritual and martial arts career, and not from their birth and death.

Ulama from the first period were the teachers of the second period, and the *ulama* of the third and fourth period had some sort of connection in the term of genealogy of science, either directly or indirectly with the second period. They are:

| No. | Intellectualism | Mysticism | Mystic-shamanism and invulnerability art | Period |
|-----|---------------------------|-------------------|--|------------|
| 1. | K.H. Samaun, Kadu Mernah | | | 1810-1850 |
| 2. | K.H. Sahal, Tanara | | | 1810-1850 |
| 3. | K.H. Abu Bakar, Pontang | | | 1810-1850 |
| 4. | K.H. M. Yusuf, Purwakarta | | | 1810-1850 |
| 5. | K.H. Usman, Ondar-Andir | | | 1810-1850 |
| 6. | | Syekh Abdul Karim | | 1851-1900 |
| 7. | Syekh Nawawi | | | 1851-1900 |
| 8. | | Syekh Marzuk | | 1851-1900 |
| 9. | Ahmad Jaha | | | 1851-1900 |
| 10. | Tb. Ismail | | | 1851-1900 |
| 11. | Arsyad bin As'ad | | | 1851-1900 |
| 12. | Arsyad bin Alwan | | | 1851-1900 |
| 13. | Aidarus | | | 1851-1900 |
| 14. | | | Haji Wachia | 1810-1850 |
| 15. | | | Haji Wasid | 1851-1900 |
| 16. | | | Haji Mukri | 1901-1940 |
| 17. | | | Haji Mahmud | 1941 - 000 |
| 18. | Ahmad Marzuki, Tanara | | | 1901-1940 |
| 19. | Abdullah Nawawi, Tanara | | | 1901-1940 |
| 20. | Arif | | | 1901-1940 |
| 21. | Muhammad | | | 1901-1940 |
| 22. | Rasyidi Tanara | | | 1901-1940 |
| 23. | Ali Ciomas | | | 1901-1940 |
| 24. | Jasir bin Umar Jaha | | | 1901-1940 |
| 25. | Abdul fatah | | | 1901-1940 |
| 26. | Arsyidin Baros | | | 1901-1940 |
| 27. | Sya'ban Cikande | | | 1901-1940 |
| 28. | Abdul Halim Menes | | | 1901-1940 |

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|-----|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| 29 | Abdul Razak Baros | | | 1901-1940 |
| 30 | Mohammad Ali Tanara | | | 1901-1940 |
| 31 | Safiuddin Ciomas | | | 1901-1940 |
| 32 | Samaun Tangerang | | | 1901-1940 |
| 33 | Syadeli Serang | | | 1901-1940 |
| 34 | Ma'mun Serang (d. 1926) | | | 1901-1940 |
| 35 | Ismail Tanara | | | 1901-1940 |
| 36 | Amin Kaujon | | | 1901-1940 |
| 37 | Azhari Kaujon | | | 1901-1940 |
| 38 | Ahmad Misbah Ciruas | | | 1901-1940 |
| 39 | Hasbullah Ciruas | | | 1901-1940 |
| 40 | Saidam Lebak | | | 1901-1940 |
| 41 | Soleh Luwuk (Pdg) | | | 1901-1940 |
| 42 | Nyi Arnah Cimanuk | | | 1901-1940 |
| 43. | K.H. Yasin bin H. Wasid Beji | | | 1901-1940 |
| 43. | K.H. Ahmad Khatib (b. 1895) | | | 1941- |
| 44. | | K.H. Abdul Halim, KaduPesing | | 1941 - |
| 45. | K.H. M. Falak (1842-1972) | | | |
| 46. | K.H. ? KarangTanjung, Pandeglang | | | |
| 47. | | Kiai Umar Rancalang | | |
| 48. | | K.H. Sanwani, Pontang (1890-1983) | | |
| 49. | | K.H. M. Dimiyati (1925-2003) | | Pupil of K.H. Abdul Halim, Kadupesing |
| 50. | | K.H. Mufasir | | Barugbug |

The year of 1912 is the milestone in the history of the genealogy of science of Bantenese *ulama*. In that year four Bantenese *santri* (pupil of *pesantren*-Islamic boarding school) traveled to Cairo to study at al-Azhar. The four *santri* had previously studied the basics of traditional Islamic sciences in Nusantara (Indonesia) and Mecca. They are:

| No. | Name | Place, year of birth | Time of study | Year of arrival in Cairo |
|-----|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| 1. | Syamaun bin Alpian | Citangkil Cilegon 1897 (?) | 5 years | Ca. 1911-1912 |

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|----|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| 2. | H. Muhammad Noer bin Hasyim | Labuan, 1886 | 1 year | 1912 |
| 3. | Zaenal Abidin bin Hasan | Kadomas, Pandeglang 1886 | 8 years | 1912 |
| 4. | Umar bin H. Sukiya | Situbaros | 3 years | 1912 |
| 5. | Burhanudin M. Ruyan | Serang, 1897 | | 1914-1924 |
| 6. | Abdul Fatah Hasan | Bojonegara, 1912 | Studied at al-Khairiyah 1926-1934 | Teacher at al-Khairiyah Cilegon 1927-1931 |
| 7. | M. Syadeli Hasan | Bojonegara, 1914 | Studied at al-Khairiyah 1926-1934 | Teacher at al-Khairiyah Cilegon 1927-1931 |

Government Officer *Ulama*

During the Dutch colonial period, a number of native Bantenese were recruited to occupy certain positions in religious affairs. The highest religious officer in Banten Recidency was Fekih Nadjamoedin, the position which up to 1858 was occupied by Haji Muhamad Adian.

Almost all of the government officers were alumni of 'Mecca University' or at least studied under the guidance of the alumni of Mecca University. They are:

| No. | Name | Origin | Position |
|-----|------------------------------|------------|--|
| 1. | M. Adenan | Serang | Fekih Najmudin 1850-1865 |
| 2. | M. Arsyad | Serang | Hoofd Penghoeloe 1888 |
| 3. | R.H. M. Isa | Serang | Hoofd Penghoeloe and head of Mahkamah Islam Tinggi 1901-1942 |
| 4. | R.H. Abu Bakar Jayadiningrat | Pandeglang | Dragoman 1892-1914 |
| 5. | K.H. Mas Ahmad Sulaeman | Pontang | Penghulu and member of Regentschap Raad 1925-1942 |
| 6. | Hasan Djayadiningrat | Serang | President of SI Banten, 1864-1919 |

In 1930s, Bantenese people witnessed the growth and progress of the foundation of the modern Islamic teaching institutions. The growth of *madrasa* in Banten became exceptional in 1930s, especially after the foundation of Mathla'ul Anwar in Menes and al-Khairiyah in Cilegon. These *madrasa* were established by a number of returned pilgrims from Saudi Arabia. They are:

| No. | Name | Madrassa | Year | Information |
|-----|-------------------------|--|----------|--|
| 1. | K.H. Mas Abdurahman | Mathla'ul Anwar | 1916 | |
| 2 | H. Entol Yasin | Mathla'ul Anwar | 1916 | |
| 3. | K.H. Ali Jaya | al-Khairiyah | 1916 | |
| 4. | K.H. Abdul Latif | Jauharotunnaqiyyah | 1926 | Pupil of K.H. Jasir and Syekh Asnawi |
| 5. | K.H. Mursyid Asnawi | Masyariqul Anwar | 1926 | |
| 6. | K.H. Ghozali | Nurul Falah, Cigodeg | 1932 | |
| 7. | K.H. Abdul Haq | Madrasah Muhammadiyah Kubang Kondang | 1925 | Pupil of K.H. Ahmad Dahlan, Yogyakarta |
| 8. | K.H. Abdul Kabir | Nurul Falah Kubang Petir | 1942 | Pupil of KH. Ghozali, KH. HasyimAsy'arie |
| 9. | Ust. Ahmad Maryani | Madrasah Persatuan Islam (Persis) Serang | 1935 | Pupil of KH Soleman |
| 10. | Tb. Syuaib Sastrawijaya | Al-Irsyad | Ca. 1930 | Cilegon |
| 11. | K.H. Rifa'i Arif | Dar al-Qalam | | Graduated from Masyariq al-Anwar, Caringin |
| 12. | H. Mas Abubakar | Founder of Muhammadiyah Lebak | 1928 | |

Religious Leaders of Confucianism, Buddha, Catholic and Christianity in Banten 1850-2000

The list documents religious leaders of Confucianism, Buddhism, Catholicism and Christianity, such as:

| No. | Name | Religion | Remark |
|-----|---------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1 | Sonjat | Chritianity | Gereja Cikuya 1855-1899 |
| 2 | Esther binti Sonjat | Chritianity | Gereja Cikuya 1893-1945 |
| 3. | Sariun | Chritianity (Kerasulan/prophethood) | Jengkol (Serang), Gereja Kerasulan Rawa Selang (Cianjur) |
| 4. | - | Confusianism | |
| 5. | - | Hinduism | |
| 6. | - | Buddhism | |
| 7. | Pu'un Janol | Baduy | Lebak |

Some *ulama* and religious leaders were nominated based on the latest data and interviews with some *ulama* and other religious leaders who are still alive and recommend them. They are:

| No. | Name | Specialization | Origin |
|-----|-----------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| 1. | K.H. Arsyad Tawil | | Tanara |
| 2. | K.H. Halimi | | Ciomas |
| 3. | K.H. Ahmad | | Ciomas |
| 4. | H. Mas Abu Bakar | Founder of Muhammadiyah Rangkasbitung | 1929 |
| 5. | Hj. Memeh | Gender activist of Muhammadiyah Rangkasbitung | 1929-1950 |
| 6. | K.H. Abdul Syukur | | Pulo Ampel, Bojonegara |
| 7. | K.H. Sochari | Alkhairiyah | Walantaka |
| 8. | K.H. Armin | | Cibuntu, Pandeglang |
| 9. | Founder of HIS met de Koran | Khaerul Huda | Kaloran Gedong |
| 10. | ? | Masjid al-Husaini | Carita |
| 11. | ? | Ahmadiyah | |
| 12. | K.H. NawawiMandaya | | Carenang |
| 13. | K.H. HasanBasari | Cakung | Kresiek |
| 14. | K.H. TohirPelamunan | | Pelamunan |
| 15. | K.H. M. Ali | | Bojonegara |
| 16. | K.H. Asnawi | The author of <i>CampakaWiraga</i> | Warunggunung |
| 17. | R. H. Sugiri | Mandalawangi | Pupil of Syekh Hasyim Asy'ari |
| 18. | K.H. Amin Jasuta | | Serang |
| 19. | K.H. Abdul Latif | | Serang |
| 20. | K.H. Abdul Hadi | | Serang |
| 21. | K.H. Ahmad Fatoni | | Serang |
| 22. | Ahmad Fatoni | SI Pandeglang | Pandeglang |

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