

From *Teungku* to *Ustaz*: A Portrait of Islamic Education in Aceh, Indonesia

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The Hierarchy of Ulama in Aceh

- Abu Chik/Tgk. Chiek
- Associated with the place and as "father" of Society. (Abu Tanoh Abe, Abu Tanoh Mierah, Abu Panten, etc.)
- However, the term of "Abu" used by GAM member as "local panglima."
- Facts: Abu Beureu-eh, Tgk. Chik Di Tiro, Tgk. Hasan di Tiro, not Tgk. Chik Hasan di Tiro or Abu Chik Hasan di Tiro.
- Tgk. Muzakir Manaf, Tgk. Abdullah Syafi'i.



Cont.

- Abu Chik also as the *Syaikh*.
- Abu Chik develops the curriculum for Dayah.



Tgk. Bale

- Acts as teacher and assistant for the Tgk. Chik/ Abu Chik.
- Tasks: Imam, Khenduri, khutbah. Representing Tgk. Chik.
- As part of Dayah network, because (1) some married with daughter or family of Tgk. Chik; (2) opened their own dayah after graduated from dayah.
- Some networks: *Dayah Mudi, Dayah Mesjid Raya, Labuhan Haji's network*





Teungku Rangkang

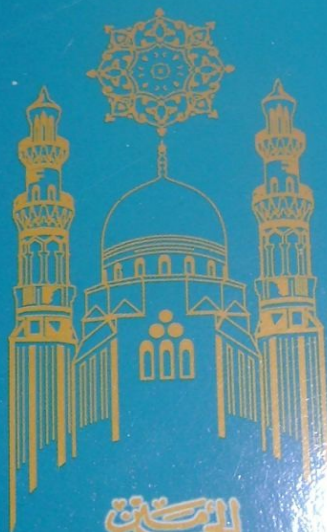
- Assistant for Tgk. Bale
- Some *Teungku Rangkang* will achieve the position of *Teungku Bale* due to their progress and loyalty to the system.



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تاج الملك

المرصع بانواع الدرر والجواهر المنظومات
أرتين كوله قمر فكاين سكل راجا ۲ یغ اتور كن دغن
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التصني
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الذو نميا

Tgk. Meunasah

- Religious Teacher at Meunasah.
- Work together with Geuchik/Mukim
- Some acts as Imuem Meunasah/Imuem Mukim.



New Tgk.

- “Tgk. Aceh” means who sale ganja in Java.
- “Tgk. Aceh” means who can be imam because he comes from Aceh.







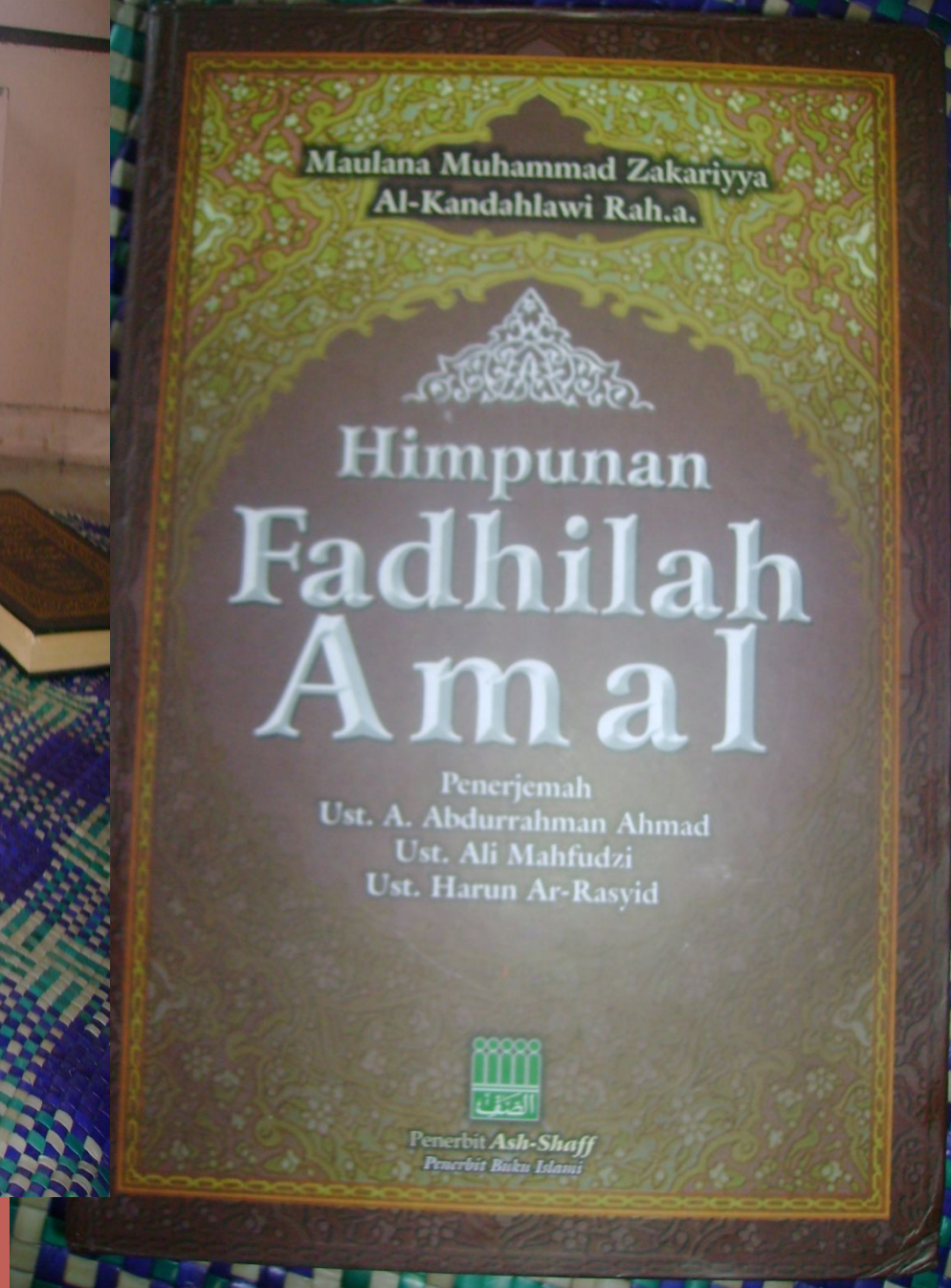
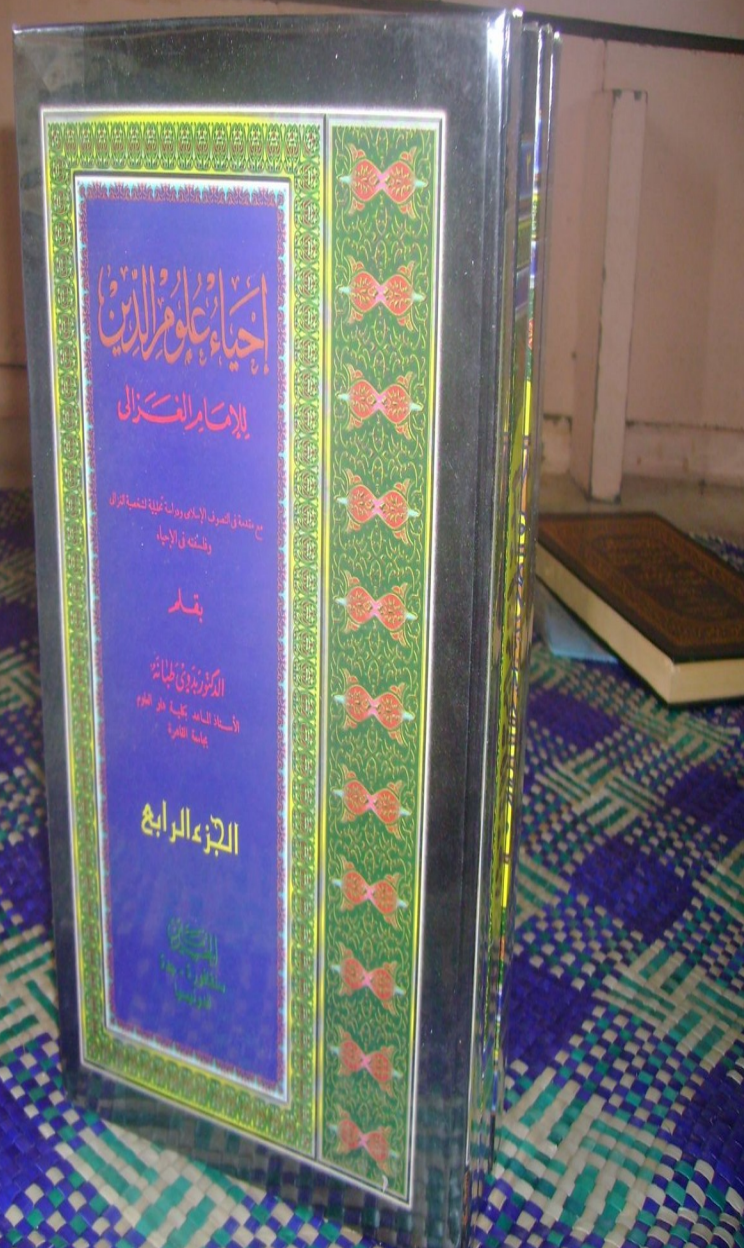
Ustaz

 Historically: The network of Gontor Alumni and Middle East.



Ustaz among Jama'ah Tabligh







Javanese Ustaz

- Coming after the Tsunami
- Not only for Islamic education, but also for Dakwah
- Part of Wahabism
- "Sunnah Connection"
- Tend to avoid contact with "Dayah Network."
- Opened cell of Terrorist or Radicalist.



Grand Ustaz

- Visit “Sunnah Connection” regularly
- Maintains the connection with “Ustaz in Java” and “Ulama in Middle East.”
- Sending Acehnese to learn Islâm in Middle East or South Asian.



Conclusion

- The title of *teungku* is more likely to be the heritage of traditional Islamic education. However, there is hierarchy of *teungku* which is related to their knowledge and influence in society.
- The title *ustaz* is more likely to be an "embedded religious title" in Islamic education in Aceh. It can be traced from the establishment of the *pondok modern* in Aceh 1980s. Many *ustaz* arrived in Aceh to work not only in Islamic education, but also in *da'wah* (Islamic missionary work). There has been a conflict between *teungku* and *ustaz* in some sub-districts in Aceh.



Con.

- The title of *teungku* is utilized by some respected GAM members even though they do not have any background in *dayah*. A GAM member said this title is not part of the identity of *dayah* people, but of the entire Aceh people .
- As for the *ustaz* group there is a tendency that their arrival in Aceh is not only for the purposes of Islamic teaching but is also part of expanding the terrorist network in Indonesia.



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 There is a serious problem in Acehnese society in terms of the sustainability of the Islamic traditional system of education. This is because many parents are eager to send their children to *pondok modern*, rather than to *dayah*. Then, they may continue their studies to university level, not only in Aceh, but also in the Middle East. In this situation the role of the *dayah* has decreased in terms of the development of Islamic studies in Aceh.



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