

Islamisation and Its Opponents in Java

M.C. Ricklefs

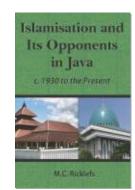
Published by NUS Press Pte Ltd

Ricklefs, M.C.

Islamisation and Its Opponents in Java: A Political, Social, Cultural and Religious History, c. 1930 to Present.

New ed. NUS Press Pte Ltd, 2012.

Project MUSE.muse.jhu.edu/book/19359.



→ For additional information about this book https://muse.jhu.edu/book/19359

Access provided at 18 Jan 2020 20:07 GMT with no institutional affiliation



amar ma'ruf nahi mungkar

hid'a

abangan nominal or non-practising Muslims; literally

'the red (*or* brown) ones'

aksi sepihak PKI 'unilateral action' campaign of 1964–5

to carry out land reform laws

Allahu akbar 'God is great', a conventional Islamic

expression used in prayer and on many other occasions, including as a sort of battle cry commanding the right and forbidding the wrong, an obligation upon all Muslims based

on Qur'anic injunctions, e.g., *Qur'an* 3:104: 'You are the best community singled out for people: you order what is right, forbid what

is wrong, and believe in God.'

ande-ande lumut popular folk theatre set in the pre-Islamic

age of Raden Panji

asas tunggal the 'single foundation' required from 1982

for all organisations in Indonesia, that being

Pancasila

batik (Javanese bathik) wax-resist dyed cloth

bedhaya sacred kraton dance performed by women,

invoking the presence of the Goddess of the

Southern Ocean (Ratu Kidul) unlawful innovations in Islam

Bismillah 'In the name of God': short form of the

Arabic invocation of God's blessing that should precede any important act and which opens all but one of the *suras* of the *Qur'an*: *bismillah al-rahman al-rahim*, 'in the name of God the lord of mercy, the giver of mercy'

508

Bupati head of a regency (kabupaten)
dakwah Islamic mission, preaching, proselytism;

invitation to accept God's ways (Arabic

da'wa)

dalang (Javanese dhalang)

dangdut

puppeteer in the Javanese *wayang* theatre a form of popular sung music, the name reflecting the sound of the driving drum beat

that defines it

Densus 88 police anti-terrorism task force, from De-

tasemen Khusus 88, Special Detachment 88

dhikr recitation of pious formulae as a mystical

exercise

dukun (Javanese dhukun)

етри

shaman, medicine-man, spiritual healer spiritual master of Javanese traditions, kris-

maker

Fatihah the first brief verse of the Qur'an, part of the

obligatory daily prayers, praising God and asking for his blessing and guidance

fatwa an opinion on a matter of Islamic law, given

by a legal interpreter (a *mufti*)

gamelan Javanese orchestra, consisting mainly of

percussion instruments

Habib 'beloved', a term used for descendants of the

Prophet Muhammad

Hadith Prophetic traditions

haji a person who has completed the hajj

(pilgrimage) to Mecca

the pilgrimage to Mecca; one of the 'five

pillars' of Islamic orthopraxy

Hadith traditions of the sayings and actions of the

Prophet Muhammad

halal allowed in Islamic law haram forbidden in Islamic law

ilmumystical sciences (also ngelmu in Javanese)jaranana dance performance involving woven

bamboo model horses and spirit possession

jihad struggle; the term may be used for various forms of striving for religious objectives

forms of striving for religious objectives, including armed conflict (Holy War) in

certain circumstances

jilbab female headscarf that covers the hair and fits

tightly around the face

jimat magical amulet for warding off evil or

misfortune

ka'ba the rectangular building at the centre of

the Great Mosque of Mecca, housing the holy black stone; the focus of prayer and

pilgrimage for Muslims

kabupaten administrative unit, in Dutch times called a

regency

kafir unbeliever, non-Muslim

kampung hamlet or neighbourhood, particularly in a

town or city

Kauman the area of a Javanese town occupied mainly

by pious santri Muslims

kebatinan Javanese spiritualism, usually seen as being

opposed to orthodox Islamic ideas and

practices; literally 'inwardness'

kejawen Javanese, Javaneseness; a term used

particularly for nominal or non-practising Muslims or *kebatinan* adherents, especially by themselves, implying truly authentic

Javanese identity

kethopraka form of Javanese popular theatrekratoncourt of a Sultan or Susuhunan

kris Javanese dagger, often believed to be 'alive'

with supernatural powers

kyai term of veneration for male Islamic teachers,

particularly Traditionalists, and for revered

objects such as royal pusaka

laskar militia, paramilitaries, usually claiming an

Islamic motivation and identity

ludruk a form of Javanese popular theatre madrasah Islamic schools of a modern type, y

Islamic schools of a modern type, with graded classes, desks and 'secular' as well as

religious subjects

mujahadah 'striving', a Sufi practice of spiritual exercises

and struggle including *dhikr* and similar activities intended to advance one's moral

and spiritual state

mujahidin

murshid (mursyid) spiritual guide, leader of a Sufi tarekat, a

shaykh

nasyid devotional songs, usually sung by males with

minimal musical accompaniment

holy warriors, fighters in the path of God

ngelmu mystical sciences (also ilmu)

nyai term of veneration for female Islamic

teachers, particularly Traditionalists

Pancasila the 'five principles' which constitute

the philosophical basis of the Republic of Indonesia as declared in the 1945 constitution. Their formulation has not always been consistent, but in general (as formulated in the Soeharto period) they consist of belief in the one God, just and civilised humanitarianism, the unity of Indonesia, democracy guided by consensus, and social justice for all Indonesians.

Pangeran prince

pangulu chief religious officer, head of a mosque

pasar market

pasisir north coast of Java

pengajianQur'anic lectures and studypesantrenIslamic boarding school

priyayi members of the Javanese administrative-

aristocratic elite

pundhen sacred site for kejawen/abangan; often a

sacred tree, a grave, etc.

pusaka supernaturally powerful heirlooms, mainly

weapons

Qur'an the holy scripture of Islam, containing the

divine revelations recited by the Prophet

Muhammad

Ratu Adil Just King, the messianic figure promised by

Javanese eschatologies

reyog a masked dance performance featuring very

large costumes, in which performers enter

trances

ruwatan exorcism, required in various social and

personal circumstances, usually involving

the performance of a particular shadow play (wayang) story to protect endangered

persons from the god Batara Kala

Salafi Muslims who seek to follow the example

of the righteous ancestors of early Islam, the *Salaf al-Salih*; a position commonly associated with adherents of Wahhabism right prevers one of the 'five pillers' of

salat ritual prayer; one of the 'five pillars' of

Islamic orthopraxy

santri in the modern era — and in this book

— a term used for devout Muslims among Javanese; literally, a student of religion

Shahada The confession of faith, that there is no God

but God and Muhammad is the messenger of God; one of the 'five pillars' of Islamic

orthopraxy

shari'a Islamic religious law

shaykh spiritual guide, leader of a Sufi tarekat, a

murshid

shirk associating anyone or anything with God,

polytheism, the most heinous form of

disbelief in Islam

slametan ritual communal meal to observe major

occasions such as birth, death, marriage,

etc.

slawatan narratives of the life of the Prophet sung

by men in either Arabic or Javanese to the accompaniment of *terbangs* (tambourines), in

Javanese musical style

Sufi, Sufism Islamic mystic, mysticism

tahlilan a Traditionalist devotional practice consisting

of group repetitive chanting of the first part of the confession of faith, that there is no

God but God (La ilaha illa 'llah)

tarekat Sufi mystical order

tayuban performance by Javanese dancing-girls, often

associated with prostitution

ulama Islamic religious leaders, learned scholars;

unlike in Arabic, in Indonesian languages *ulama* can be used as a singular noun. In

Javanese society, these scholars are commonly

called kyai

ummah the community of believers, the Muslims;

the term is sometimes also used for other

religious communities

ustadz master, teacher; used especially for Revivalist

religious scholars

Vorstenlanden Central Javanese principalities of the

Susuhunan and Mangkunagara in Surakarta and the Sultan and Pakualam in Yogyakarta

Wahhabi the teachings, or an adherent, of the

ideas of the eighteenth-century Arabian figure Muhammad b. 'Abd al-Wahhab, a doctrinaire, puritanical interpretation of Islam which rejects any form of innovation (bid'a) and is now dominant in Saudi Arabia

wali semi-legendary apostle of Islam in Java, of

whom there are usually said to have been

nine (the wali sanga)

warung small shop or trading-stall

wayang Javanese shadow play using flat parchment

puppets; also used for other forms of

theatrical performance such as wayang wong (dance drama) and wayang topeng (masked

dance performance)

yasinan a Traditionalist devotional practice consisting

of group repetitive chanting of Qur'an sura

36

zakat charitable giving for the benefit of the needy;

one of the 'five pillars' of Islamic orthopraxy