



## THE ROLE OF ISLAMIC LEARNING ASSEMBLY IN DEVELOPING THE PROSPEROUS FAMILY;

### A Case Study of Islamic Learning Assembly in Medan City

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**Abstract.** *The aim of this study is to find out the role of learning assemblies in coaching happy families in Medan and surrounding areas. The point is to contribute thoughts to the Medan City Government, administrators, Islamic communities and the community in realizing a happy, affection and grace families in Medan City. The results of this study is that an educational institution for people who grow and develop from the Islamic community of the city of Medan itself, whose interests are for the benefit of Muslims. So, Learning Assemblies is a non-governmental organization (NGO) in Medan City whose life is based on mutual help and love among them. In addition, the Learning Assemblies of Medan City has a very important role in coaching happy families, especially in realizing religious functions, realizing family education, economic function and family welfare, fostering harmonization of husband and wife and fostering harmonious relations between family members, communities and the Government of Medan city.*

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## INTRODUCTION

Based on the history of his birth, Islamic Learning Assembly is the oldest educational institution in Islam, because it has been carried out since the time of the Prophet Muhammad, even though at that time it was not called the Majlis Taklim. But the recitations of the Prophet Muhammad, which takes place clandestinely,<sup>1</sup> the house of Arqam ibn Abi al-Arqam can be considered a taklim assembly in the context of the present understanding. Then after the command of Allah to broadcast the teachings of

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<sup>1</sup>Recitation and preaching of the Prophet Muhammad, first, he did it secretly in his own environment and among his colleagues. Therefore, the person who first received his da'wah was his family and close friends. At first his wife Khadijah, then his cousin Ali bin Abi Talib, was 10 years old, then Abu Bakr, his best friend from childhood. Zaid, a former slave who became his adopted son. Ummu Aiman, the caregiver of the Prophet since Aminah's mother was still alive, also included the first people to convert to Islam. Badri Yatim, *Sejarah Peradaban Islam*, (Jakarta: Raja Grafindo Persada, 1997), p. 19.

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Islam openly,<sup>2</sup> such recitations soon developed in other places held openly and no longer secretly or hidden-hidden.

Indeed, it is seen from the historical side or the course of Islamic history, that taklim assemblies with very diverse dimensions at the time of the Prophet Muhammad SAW, have also emerged various types of assembly groups that are voluntary and unpaid called halaqah, which is a recitation group in the Nabawi mosque or Masjid al-Haram, which is usually marked by a mosque pillar for gathering place of assembly group participants who each have a friend.<sup>3</sup>

In Indonesia, especially when broadcasting Islamic teachings carried out by the first guardians, also used the ta'lim assembly to deliver their da'wah. In North Sumatra, especially in the city of Medan, it also uses the term Islamic Learning Assembly for the recitation of non-formal da'wah institutions, such as Islamic boarding schools, madrassas, schools, mosques, maktab-maktab, surau-surau. In fact, it also grows from house to house to name their jama'ah pengajian with majelis taklim. In Medan City the existence of Islamic Learning Assembly is also an educational institution for the community, which grows and develops from the Islamic community of Medan City for the benefit of the benefit of humanity or the people of Medan City.

## **LITERATURE REVIEW**

### **Islamic Learning Assembly of Medan City**

Islamic Learning Assembly of Medan City in particular and in Indonesia in general is a non-governmental organization of Islamic society, developing from the community for the benefit of the community. Therefore, the Islamic Learning Assembly is a religious institution based on the principle of kinship.

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<sup>2</sup>After some time the da'wah was carried out individually, the order of Allah (swt) took place, so that the Prophet would openly preach. At first he invited and called on his close relatives from Banu Abdul Muthalib. He told them, "I do not see that there is a man in the Arab community who can bring something in their midst better than what I have brought to you. I bring to you the world and the Hereafter that are the best. God has told me to invite you all. Who of you supports me in this matter? See, Muhammad Husain Haekal, *Sejarah Hidup Muhammad*, (Jakarta: Litera Antarnusa, 1990), Cet. 12, p. 91.

<sup>3</sup>More clear information can refer to M. Arifin, *Kapita Selekta Pendidikan (Islam dan Umum)*, (Jakarta: Bumi Aksara, 1993), p. 188.

The background of the establishment of Islamic Learning Assembly in Medan City is inseparable from the background of the establishment of the Jabotabek Islamic Learning Assembly Indonesia which was established on January 1, 1981 on the agreement of 732 Islamic Learning Assembly-Jabotabek, then spread to various regions in Indonesia including Medan City in one area the development of a highly developed Islamic Learning Assembly and has an important role in regional and national development and in the life of society and the state. Even more specifically play a role in the Prosperous family coaching efforts.<sup>4</sup>

The original intention of the establishment of Islamic Learning Assembly only in the form of an ordinary forum in which it conducts recitation activities, then turns into a container of Islamic Learning Assembly which is named BKMT (Contact Body of Taklim Assembly) is for all majelis taklim. But in its development, it has even appeared since the beginning of the formation of this body's tendency to become interested in Islamic Learning Assembly mother. Such is the next development, according to the BKMT factors are the Islamic Learning Assembly Board of Mother and Father.

### **Vision and Mission of Islamic Learning Assembly of Medan City**

#### **Vision of Islamic Learning Assembly**

Based on the results of interviews with researchers with Ms. Dra. Hj. Ramisah Siregar and Hj. Mariani on September 8, 2018 in Medan said that the vision of the Islamic Learning Assembly of Medan City was not much different from the vision of the central BKMT, except that the vision of BKMT in Medan City must be adapted to the traditions, culture or customs of the public transportation. Broadly speaking, BKMT's vision are:

- a. As a forum for education and da'wah
- b. For the development of human resources (HR).
- c. Improve the quality and creativity of pilgrims
- d. Grow Islamic values and society.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> Interview with Hj. Ramisah Siregar, secretary of BKMT Medan City on 29 September 2018.

<sup>5</sup> See the Guidance book of BKMT, p. 8.

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## **Mission of Islamic Learning Assembly**

Likewise, the mission of the Islamic Learning Assembly of Medan City is the same as with BKMT's mission in general, namely:

- a. Building a learning community.
- b. Strengthening Islamic brotherhood through the education movement
- c. Organizing a missionary program movement.
- d. Organizing economic empowerment movements and social quality changes.
- e. Promote unity and unity of the people.<sup>6</sup>

## **Purpose of Islamic Learning Assembly of Medan City**

There are several opinions that arise in the midst of the Islamic Learning Assembly of Medan City congregation about the objectives of the Islamic Learning Assembly. Some say that the purpose of the establishment of their Islamic Learning Assembly is to know the religious sciences through a forum for Islamic Learning assemblies, while developing ways of learning about Islamic teachings widely. There are also those who say to educate Muslims, especially the mothers so that they can foster a prosperous family (Prosperous) and equip the mothers of the Islamic sciences through questioning or listening to recitation from the clerics in their Islamic learning assemblies. Some even say that the purpose of their Islamic Learning Assembly is to increase friendship, Islamic brotherhood and the formation of a Muslim person who has the character of *Al-karimah*.<sup>7</sup>

## **METHODOLOGY**

This research is a qualitative research focusing on understanding the project under study using the method of "field research" and "frame of reference" of the research team itself, so that clarity, feasibility and universality and depth of research data is a measure of the validity of this study.

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<sup>6</sup>The Guidance Book of BKMT, p. 2.

<sup>7</sup>Interview with Dr. H. Sorimonang Rangkuti An-Nadwi, M.Th and Dr. Sulidar, M.A (teachers at Islamic Learning Assembly of Medan City) on 13 September at UIN of North Sumatra Medan.

## FINIDNGS AND DISCUSSION

### The Role of Islamic Learning Assembly in the development of Prosperous Family Realizing religious functions in the family

Islamic Learning Assembly especially in Medan City as a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) will always play a role and take action in the interests of fulfilling the wishes of the congregation and its community, including playing a role in realizing and realizing religious functions in the family, because by applying strong religious values, a family becomes Prosperous, safe and peaceful. Conversely, without practicing religious teachings kaffah, a family will be destroyed. It is precisely a family that is not peaceful and good in the world, especially in the hereafter.

According to Dr. Zulherman, MM, M.Pd, an ustadz at BKMT, Medan Tembung Subdistrict who interviewed that "a family must develop the level of faith and practice of religion for all family members, because only with faith, faith or monotheism can the family become a family Prosperous. Whereas according to Prof. Dr. H. Syahrin Harahap, MA, only with faith and the practice of religion is a strong family that Prosperous will be able to survive the shock of changes caused by the negative impact of globalization. In terms of applying the values of monotheism in the family of Ustadz Dr. Zulherman, M.M., M. Pd. quotes the Word of God in the Koran Surat Ibrahim verses 24 and 27:

ألم تر كيف ضرب الله مثلا كلمة طيبة كشجرة طيبة أصلها ثابت وفرعها في السماء .

Meaning: *You do not notice how God has made a good parable of sentences, like a good tree, its roots are firm and its branches (towering) into the sky (Surah Ibrahim 14:24).*<sup>8</sup>

يثبت الله الذين ءامنوا بالقول الثابت في الحياة الدنيا وفي الآخرة ويضل الله الظالمين ويفعل الله ما يشاء

Based on the above paragraph, it is explicitly explained that only with a firm faith is a happy family that will be realized, according to the statement of Drs. Ade Mustahdi, that the role of Islamic Learning Assembly in the city of Medan is very big in an effort to function religious values to be able to realize a Prosperous family, without realizing or realizing religious values it is very difficult to realize a Prosperous family.<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>8</sup>See Religious Department of Republic of Indonesia, *Alquran*, p. 388

<sup>9</sup>The researcher doing interview with Mister Ade Mustahdi.

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**Realizing the Education in Family**

The existence of the Islamic Learning Assembly of Medan City in family education is considered successful in the development of science and moral formation, because in the activities of Islamic Learning Assembly in the city of Medan focused on teaching Islamic religious sciences, especially the main aspects such as; faith, worship, jurisprudence, interpretation, Sufism and muamalah. The Islamic Learning Assembly seeks to elevate the dignity and degree of the family with knowledge according to the word of God in Surah *Al-Mujadallah* verse 11:

يرفع الله الذين امنكم والذين اوتوا العلم درجت والله بما تعملون خبير

Meaning: *Allah will raise the level of those who believe between you and those who have knowledge of what degree. And Allah knows what you do (Surah Al-Mujadallah 58:11.*<sup>10</sup>

**Economic Function and Family Prosperous**

The role of BKMT in Medan City is not only in the fields of religion and education, but also plays a role in realizing economic functions and family welfare. This can be proven by interviewing researchers with Mr. Sutrisno and Mr. Drs. M. Daud, M.M explained that the taklim assembly could increase the family economy and could ease the burden on members. In the case of misfortune, a compensation of Rp. 300,000, - / member and all burial expenses by the taklim assembly. Whereas in parties, for members there is a rent desire in the case of members Rp. 40,000, - / member, for family members Rp. 60,000, - for non-members Rp. 75,000 and for PHBI Rp. 40,000. So there is a difference between members of the Islamic Learning Assembly or recitation with those who are not members from here, it can be understood that for members it is clearly very helpful in the economic field of their family. At least, it is no longer a burden on the family in terms of implementing fardhu kifayah and wedding parties.

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<sup>10</sup>See at Religious Department of Republic of Indonesia, *Alquran*, p. 910

### Developing the Family Member, Society and Government

Relationships between large families must be well established, the husband must be good with the wife, so the wife must be good with the husband's family. The relationship between members of the congregation and other members of the congregation must be well established, according to the word of God:

واتقوا الله الذي تساءلون به والارحام

Meaning: *Fear to Allah who by (uses) His name you ask each other and maintain friendship (QS. An-Nisa 4: 1).*<sup>11</sup>

Based on from the verse above, BKMT Medan City felt called to play an active role in fostering relationships between family members, the community and the government, because said Mrs. Dra. Hj. Ramisah Siregar, BKMT organization in Medan will not succeed if it is not based on hard cooperation, a sense of unity and unity, because BKMT Medan City through lectures or recitations always relates to this relationship, both among fellow worshipers, and the congregation with its neighbors including the government if the neighbors visit and fellow members advise each other and if with the government there must be mutual cooperation.

### CONCLUSION

Based on the results of the findings and discussion that have been stated in this study, some conclusions can be taken as follows:

1. Islamic Learning Assembly of Medan City is a non-formal Islamic education institution and as a Medan Non-Governmental Organization, grows and develops from among the Islamic community whose purpose is for the interests or welfare of the people. Whereas the activities are the Islamic Learning Assembly of Medan City that appears on the background of a sense of brotherhood, friendship, help (ta'awun) and affection between them (ruhama`u bainauhum), while at the same time trying to foster Islamic values in family, community and government, especially Medan City Government.
2. Islamic Learning Assembly in the city of Medan has a clear vision, mission and goals while also having programs and materials, and the teachings that are well

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<sup>11</sup>Religious Department of Republic of Indonesia, *Alquran*.

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established and clear. His vision is as a forum for education and da'wah, his mission is to gather unity and elders, the goal is to increase the relationship between friendship, the Islamization of Islam, and the formation of a Muslim person oriented to morality, the practice is praying in congregation, offering prayers, praying, keeping ablution, reading the Koran, giving alms, and having faith, which is always asking forgiveness to Allah SWT.

3. An established organizational structure as a strong and strong sign of non-formal organization called "Islamic Learning Assembly (BKMT) Contact Board" whose response and presence in the midst of society has played an important role in the efforts of the Prosperous family in Medan.
4. Islamic Learning Assembly which is incorporated in BKMT Medan City is very instrumental and successful in efforts to foster the Prosperous family of the people of Medan, because BKMT Medan City is always active in the formation of science, faith, worship, morals, piety, and muamalah. Only with this formation will a family that is Prosperous, mawaddah, warahmah be realized. Real family conditions before entering the Islamic Learning Assembly do not know about religion and general science, but after entering the Islamic Learning Assembly already know and are able to practice it in a Prosperous family.
5. The main essence of the role of Islamic Learning Assembly in Medan city is being able to realize religious, educational, economic and family welfare functions, both material and spiritual, while BKMT Medan City plays an active role in fostering harmonious relations between husband and wife, relationships between members and the community and the government, however BKMT always has obstacles, but there are still ways and ways of resolving it, which is to face it.

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