

Muhammadiyah as a Pillar of Civil Society: The Dynamics of Indonesian National Politics In The Perspective of Dar Al Ahdi Wa Al Syahadah

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Abstract: Muhammadiyah, as one of the pillars of civil society in Indonesia, has an essential role in this country's political and social dynamics, primarily through the application of the Dar al Ahdi wa al Shahadah concept. This research aims to analyze the influence of Muhammadiyah in shaping public policy and strengthening civil society with a focus on their contribution to education and health, as well as advocacy for social justice and democracy. The method used is a Systematic Literature Review (SLR), which examines various literature covering the period from 2015 to 2020. The research results show that Muhammadiyah plays a significant role in strengthening the structure of civil society through political education, transformation of thought, and participation in national politics. The organization also actively advocates for government transparency and accountability, which directly contributes to improving community welfare. The implications of this research emphasize the importance of integrating religious values into public policy to promote social justice and strengthen civil society. This research paves the way for further studies on the role of religious organizations in national politics and societal development.

Keywords: Muhammadiyah; Dar al Ahdi wa al Shahadah; civil society; Indonesian national politics; social justice.

1 Introduction

Muhammadiyah, as an Islamic organization in Indonesia, has an important role not only in a religious context but also as an essential pillar in civil society and its influence on national politics. Muhammadiyah is a significant contributor to the formation of national identity and the dynamics of national politics (Sadikin, 2021).

Muhammadiyah is widely known for its efforts in education, health, and social affairs, which have significantly contributed to the formation and strengthening of Indonesia's national identity. According to a study by Aminullah Elhady, Muhammadiyah's social empowerment initiatives have succeeded in increasing the honour and dignity of the Indonesian nation (Aminullah Elhady, 2015).

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ance its Islamic identity and its support for democracy and social justice in Indonesia. For example, the principle of zakat in Islam, which Muhammadiyah interprets as an instrument for social justice, has been utilized to improve general welfare and reduce social inequality. In addition, Muhammadiyah also plays an active role in advocating for policies that support tolerance and pluralism, as demonstrated in the organization's response to contemporary issues such as religious blasphemy and minority rights (Jeremy Menchik, 2019).

At a broader level, Muhammadiyah, through its approach to the Dar al Ahdi wa al Shahadah concept, effectively reaffirms its commitment to national values as reflected in Pancasila and the 1945 Constitution, supporting national unity through education and social activism (, Bachtiar2020; Latief & Nashir, 2020).

The concept of Dar al Ahdi wa al Shahadah has been adopted by Muhammadiyah as a philosophical basis for managing its interactions with the state and society. This concept guides Muhammadiyah in active roles in national politics, including participation in elections and public policy discussions. According to Wardana, Muhammadiyah has been crucial in influencing public policies that support social justice and democracy. This shows that Muhammadiyah is not only involved in social and religious development but is also active in supporting transparency and accountability in government (Wardana, 2019).

In the context of previous research, several significant studies have been identified regarding Muhammadiyah as a pillar of civil society and its impact on national politics in Indonesia, primarily through the use of the Dar Al Ahdi Wa Al Syahadah concept (, Bachtiar2020; Ilham Yuli, F. Muhammadi, 2022). Likewise, Muhammadiyah actively strengthens civil society through political education and thought transformation (Al-Hamdi, 2020; Sadikin, 2021). The research also emphasizes organizations' contribution to social issues and health crises (Ritaudin, 2017).

Although existing literature highlights various aspects of Muhammadiyah's success, there is still a lack of research examining how Muhammadiyah implements the Dar al Ahdi wa al Shahadah concept in influencing political and social dynamics nationally and locally. Many studies focus more on specific initiatives or contributions of Muhammadiyah in a broader context without exploring how the Dar al Ahdi wa al Shahadah concept explicitly influences national policy and political dynamics.

This research aims to fill this gap by providing a more in-depth analysis of the implementation of the Dar al Ahdi wa al Shahadah concept by Muhammadiyah in the Indonesian political and social context. This study also seeks to understand the long-term impact of applying this concept to Indonesia's civil society and public policy structure. Through comprehensive analysis, it is hoped that this research can provide new insights into Muhammadiyah's strategy in using an Islamic theoretical framework to advance democracy and social justice in Indonesia. By integrating various sources and perspectives through a Systematic Literature Review approach, this research presents a holistic analysis of Muhammadiyah's role as an agent of change in Indonesian society, contributing theoretically and practically to the understanding and use of civil society in a broader political and social context.

2 RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Systematic Literature Review (SLR) is a crucial methodology for reviewing literature thoroughly and systematically. By focusing on straightforward research questions, this method assesses the validity and relevance of existing research for understanding a particular phenomenon—in this context, the role of Muhammadiyah in Indonesian civil society. The steps in SLR include research problem formulation, review protocol development, literature search, selection, quality assessment, data extraction, and data analysis and synthesis. These stages can be illustrated in Figure 1 (Xiao & Watson, 2019). This process aims to comprehensively synthesize existing findings, which can be presented systematically (Moher et al., 2009).

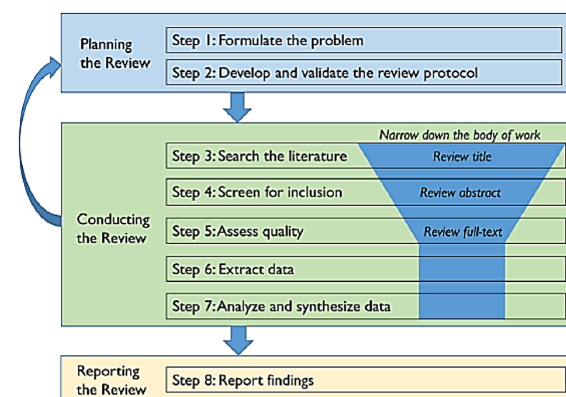


Figure 1. Systematic Literature Review Process (Adapted from Xiao & Watson 2019)

In this study, Muhammadiyah is analyzed through the Dar al Ahdi wa al Shahadah concept, which looks at its role in political and social dynamics in Indonesia. The SLR process begins with forming specific research questions which support a practical and relevant literature search. The PICOC (Population, Intervention, Comparison, Outcomes, Context) framework compiles and evaluates relevant data (Dewanto & Herbawani, 2022)(Dewanto & Herbawani, 2022). This stage includes using the Scopus and Google Scholar databases with the Publish or Perish platform to search for and collect relevant articles, followed by the selection and assessment of the suitability of the articles. (Wahyudi et al., 2021)(Wahyudi et al., 2021). Keyword search results on the Harzing Publish or Perish platform on the Scopus and Google Scholar databases are shown in Figure 2.

The Systematic Literature Review (SLR) method is used in this research to examine the role of Muhammadiyah in civil society and political dynamics in In-

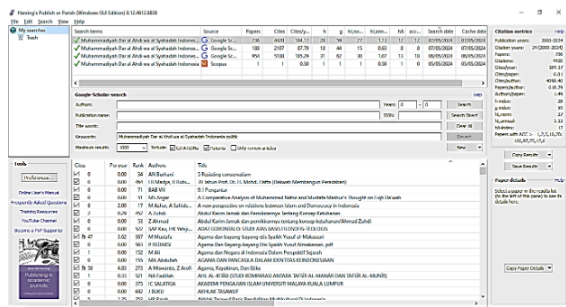


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Indonesia through the concept of Dar Al Ahdi Wa Al Syahadah. This process begins with using a database and predetermined keywords to identify 1,143 articles. Furthermore, through a deduplication and filtering process based on inclusion and exclusion criteria from publications between 2020 and 2024, the number of articles was reduced to 585. Through title and abstract screening, 42 relevant articles were obtained, and after more in-depth due diligence, the final 21 articles were selected due to their high relevance to the research question (Okoli & Schabram, 2012). The analysis and synthesis stage of this research's results is crucial to integrate and display how the data is related to each other and supports existing hypotheses or theories. Reporting of research results is carried out transparently and in detail, allowing the results to be replicated or developed by other researchers in the future. This systematic report increases confidence in the findings and facilitates other researchers to adopt or expand this research. The process is conveyed through Figure 3 Prisma Flow Diagram for Systematic Literature Review (SLR).

3 Results and Discussion

3.1 The Influence of the Dar al Ahdi wa al Shahadah Concept in the Dynamics of National Politics

Muhammadiyah, one of Indonesia's most prominent Islamic organizations, has adopted the concept of Dar al Ahdi wa al Shahadah, which means "territory of agreement and testimony". This concept has significant implications in Indonesian national politics, combining Islamic values with modern democratic principles and supporting pluralism, tolerance, and constructive dialogue to direct inclusive and representative policies, especially for minority and marginalized groups. In the global context, Dar al Ahdi wa al Sha-

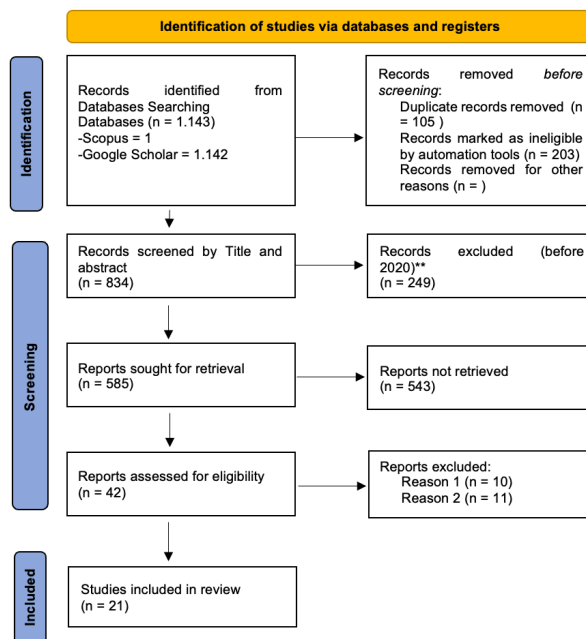


Figure 3. Prisma Flow Diagram for Systematic Literature Review (SLR)

hadah has experienced criticism, especially from the Shi'ah Imamiyah tradition, because it does not support democratic principles. However, in the Indonesian context, Muhammadiyah offers a more inclusive and democratic approach by applying this concept (Halim, 2013).

The influence of the Dar al Ahdi wa al Shahadah concept on Muhammadiyah is manifested in several ways, including improving the quality of life through education, health and social policies. This is in line with Ibn Taimiyah's political thought, which emphasizes the importance of just and responsible leadership, which is also an essential aspect of Dar al Ahdi wa al Shahadah. Muhammadiyah has used this concept in Indonesia to encourage greater social inclusion and support women's rights (Sarnoto, 2012).

In practice, Muhammadiyah seeks to translate Dar al Ahdi wa al Shahadah into concrete actions that support democracy and social justice. This includes advocating for fairer public policies and social development oriented towards sustainability and justice. Thus, the implementation of the Dar al Ahdi wa al Shahadah concept by Muhammadiyah has had a significant impact in shaping the dynamics of Indonesian national politics, increasing its capacity as a civil society actor, and strengthening democratic structures by fighting for policies that support equality and social justice (Zulfikar & Al-Barbasy, 2020).

The adoption of Pancasila as Darul Ahdi wa al Sha-

hadah by Muhammadiyah not only theoretically integrates Islamic values within the framework of the Indonesian state but is also practical in applying these values in everyday life. As Darul Ahdi, Pancasila is the basis for a national agreement that enables the development of peace and harmony between religious communities, making Indonesia a country that provides peace, freedom and guarantees for the spiritual practices of all its citizens. Meanwhile, as Dar al-Syhadah, Pancasila is a witness to Indonesia's commitment to realizing democratic values rooted in Islamic principles that support social justice and diversity.

By implementing Pancasila as Darul Ahdi wa al Shahadah, Muhammadiyah shows how Islamic and religious values can contribute to strengthening state ideology. This position also enhances the legitimacy of Pancasila as a philosophical basis that integrates religious values with modern concepts such as democracy, pluralism and human rights. Muhammadiyah's participation in this process helps clarify that there is no inherent contradiction between Islam and democratic foundations and that Islam can be a force for inclusive and sustainable democratic reform (Andini, 2013).

At a practical level, Muhammadiyah has actively supported and implemented Pancasila values through various educational and social initiatives. Muhammadiyah educational institutions not only focus on teaching Islamic values but also on forming citizens who respect and apply the principles of Pancasila in everyday life. This is proven by the success of Muhammadiyah schools and universities in promoting interreligious and cultural dialogue, strengthening tolerance and cross-sectoral cooperation, which is essential for Indonesia's socio-political stability.

Besides education, Muhammadiyah is active in social and political advocacy, especially in pushing for policies supporting social justice and marginalized rights. This organization has been involved in judicial review and legislative advocacy to ensure that laws and government policies align with the principles of justice and are not discriminatory. These initiatives reflect Muhammadiyah's commitment to applying Pancasila as Darul Ahdi wa al Shahadah in a real effort to improve social and political life in Indonesia (Zulfikar & Al-Barbasy, 2020).

Muhammadiyah also faces challenges in overcoming political ambiguity and immoral political practices, often using Pancasila as a false shield for activities that conflict with ethical principles and justice. Through an approach rooted in political uswah (exem-

plary), Muhammadiyah seeks to set higher standards in political integrity, fighting for a profound mental and cultural transformation needed to realize the vision of Pancasila in a proper political context (Zulfikar & Al-Barbasy, 2020).

The influence of Darul Ahdi wa al Shahadah in the context of Muhammadiyah and Pancasila shows how the interpretation and application of religious concepts can be combined with state ideology to promote social justice, democracy and national unity. This attests to the importance of constant dialogue and adaptation in ever-changing contexts and the need to ensure that ideological values remain relevant and effective in facing contemporary social and political challenges.

3.2 Muhammadiyah's Contribution in Strengthening Civil Society

Muhammadiyah has played a significant role in strengthening the structure of civil society in Indonesia, contributing to inclusive political and social development through a structured and sustainable approach. By prioritizing transparency and political education, this organization has increased public participation in democratization, developing policies supporting social justice and strengthening civil society (Argenti, 2017; Sadikin, 2021). Furthermore, through a participatory approach, Muhammadiyah promotes community empowerment by advocating a community-strengthening model that utilizes information technology and innovative approaches to overcome social and economic challenges, especially in villages such as Hargomulyo, Kulonprogo, which have shown significant progress in various fields such as education, health, and local economy (Kurniawan et al., 2021).

On the other hand, challenges in strengthening civil society include co-optation by the state, which reduces the independence and effectiveness of civil society organizations in realizing their goals. Muhammadiyah has taken proactive steps to overcome this by initiating cross-sectoral dialogue and cooperation that prioritizes democratic values and social justice. This includes advocating for transparent policies and strengthening public participation in policy-making, which has excellent potential to address power imbalances and strengthen democratic structures in Indonesia (Sadikin, 2021).

Besides that, Muhammadiyah emphasizes the importance of education and social services in increasing political awareness and the community's ability to influence policies that directly impact their lives. This is realized through various programs and initiatives de-

signed to increase the capacity of individuals and communities to manage resources and fight for their rights (Argenti, 2017; Sadikin, 2021).

To strengthen civil society, Muhammadiyah has demonstrated its commitment by developing programs involving the community in decision-making activities and implementing development projects. By promoting education as an empowerment tool, Muhammadiyah increases individual capacity and encourages active participation in advancing society. This initiative reflects the understanding that sustainable and effective development can only be achieved through empowering communities from the grassroots.

Muhammadiyah has also handled health problems, an essential aspect of a healthy and productive community life. Through building health facilities and implementing public health programs, Muhammadiyah plays a crucial role in improving the quality of life and ensuring that the community has access to essential health services. This also includes advocacy for more inclusive and effective public health policies to achieve equality in access to health services across Indonesia.

In addition, Muhammadiyah has initiated and supported sustainable economic activities that improve the financial welfare of local communities. Through providing micro capital, support for small and medium enterprises, and entrepreneurship training, Muhammadiyah contributes to job creation and regional economic development. This approach helps strengthen the economy from the bottom, giving communities the tools to improve their financial circumstances independently.

Muhammadiyah's involvement in advocacy and public policy also shows its dedication to promoting transparency and accountability in government. Through dialogue and collaboration with the government and other stakeholders, Muhammadiyah has become a strong voice in pushing for policy reforms that support sustainable development and social justice. This engagement increases the effectiveness of the programs they advocate and helps ensure that policies reflect the needs and aspirations of the community.

By adopting an approach that focuses on social justice and community empowerment, Muhammadiyah has significantly contributed to strengthening civil society in Indonesia. This organization has set standards for how religious institutions can play a role in national social and political development, demonstrating that religion and religious activities can broadly impact the

development of society and the country. This reaffirms that the role of civil society in national politics is necessary for realizing a just and inclusive society in Indonesia.

Muhammadiyah's capacity development in strengthening civil society in Indonesia also includes a strategic approach to developing inclusive community infrastructure. Programs such as building community centers, sports facilities and other public spaces help strengthen social networks and improve residents' quality of life. This activity not only increases accessibility and community involvement in social and cultural activities but also encourages harmony and solidarity between communities.

In addition, the political education Muhammadiyah advocates is essential to increasing public awareness and understanding of civil rights and participation in the democratic process. This initiative is significant in today's information age, where disinformation can quickly spread and influence public opinion. By providing education and accurate sources of information, Muhammadiyah helps ensure that citizens can make informed and responsible decisions in political life.

Muhammadiyah also plays a role in increasing women's empowerment in Indonesian society. Through various programs designed to improve women's access to education, health and economic opportunities, Muhammadiyah seeks to address gender inequality and strengthen the role of women as leaders and decision-makers in society. These efforts not only support individual capacity building but also change social norms that can limit women's participation in various aspects of public life.

Muhammadiyah's success in strengthening civil society can also be seen in its response to natural disasters and humanitarian crises. As one of the first organizations to respond when a disaster occurs, Muhammadiyah shows how civil society organizations can play an essential role in disaster management and community rehabilitation. By efficiently using resources and mobilizing volunteers, the organization has helped speed recovery in affected areas and supported community resilience to future disasters.

Finally, Muhammadiyah's long-term commitment to strengthening civil society reflects the importance of maintaining democratic values and social justice as the foundation of a healthy and sustainable Indonesian society. Through advocacy, education, and community development, Muhammadiyah not only contributes to social and economic growth but also strengthens democratic institutions and improves good

governance. This shows how religious-based institutions such as Muhammadiyah can play a critical and constructive role in redefining the direction and contours of civil society in the modern era.

3.3 Muhammadiyah's Contribution to Education and Health and Its Impact on Social Politics

Muhammadiyah, an essential entity in Indonesia's history and socio-political dynamics, has significantly contributed to the education and health sectors. This active involvement has influenced infrastructure and services in these two critical areas and played an essential role in shaping the country's social politics (Alam, 2021).

Muhammadiyah has been known for its community reform initiatives in the education sector. This organization has established various educational institutions, from elementary schools to universities, oriented towards values combining modern science and a deep understanding of religion. This increases education access throughout Indonesia and social and political awareness among students, preparing them to become responsible members of society (Darmayanti et al., 2024; Sadikin & Affandi, 2019).

Furthermore, in the health sector, Muhammadiyah has built and managed many hospitals and clinics that provide health services to the broader community, including underprivileged communities. The healthcare principles adopted by Muhammadiyah reflect Islamic values that emphasize ethics and justice by providing high-quality and affordable services (Elihami & Basir, 2018).

Through this initiative, Muhammadiyah focuses on providing services and developing public policies that support social justice and greater prosperity. This organization has been active in dialogue and collaboration with the government and non-government organizations to form more inclusive and equitable health policies (Sadin & Affandi, 2019).

The impact of Muhammadiyah's contribution to education and health also strengthens Indonesia's social and political structure. The education provided by Muhammadiyah not only creates educated individuals but also citizens who are informed and responsive to social and political needs. On the other hand, by improving access to health, Muhammadiyah has improved citizens' quality of life and productivity, indirectly supporting sustainable and inclusive national development.

Overall, Muhammadiyah has succeeded in tran-

scending the traditional role of a religious organization to become an essential force in social and political development in Indonesia. Through education and health, Muhammadiyah helps shape more humane and just social policies and actively encourages more inclusive and sustainable development throughout the country. This reflects the profound and continuing influence that this organization has had on various aspects of life in Indonesia.

In addition, Muhammadiyah continues to innovate in its education and health approach to meet evolving challenges. This innovation is not only in curriculum or facilities but also in a holistic approach that integrates physical, intellectual and spiritual needs. For example, in education, Muhammadiyah applies the concept of character education, which aims to form individuals who are not only academically competent but also have social awareness and moral integrity. This reflects the understanding that proper education involves developing all aspects of a person's life, a relevant principle in Indonesia's social plurality and diversity.

In the health context, Muhammadiyah has also expanded its reach to provide primary health care and address more complex health issues such as mental health and chronic disease prevention. This approach is strengthened by health education programs that aim to increase health awareness and behaviour among the community. Through health centers and outreach programs, Muhammadiyah strives to ensure that essential health knowledge is accessible to all levels of society, especially in underserved areas.

The education and health provided by Muhammadiyah also support local economic development. By improving the quality of human resources through education, Muhammadiyah helps society to achieve financial independence. Conversely, through improved health services, people's work productivity increases, directly contributing to local economic stability and growth.

Furthermore, Muhammadiyah also plays a role in shaping public policy in Indonesia by being an active member in policy dialogue and reform. This engagement includes advocacy for more inclusive education policies and effective health education, ensuring that these policies reflect community needs and expectations. This strengthens Muhammadiyah's capacity as a key player in civil society and a strategic partner in national development.

3.4 Responses to Contemporary Issues and Public Policy

Muhammadiyah, as the leading Islamic organization in Indonesia, has demonstrated a solid commitment to responding to contemporary issues and public policies, effectively integrating Islamic values with modern democratic practices. In this case, Islamic financial concepts such as *Murabahah* are an important example, where Muhammadiyah seeks to integrate Islamic economic principles with modern financial practices, creating a fair and ethical business model that supports the economic needs of society (Arifai, 2000).

Muhammadiyah is also very active in organizing educational events and discussions regarding the application of Islamic teachings to current issues, contributing to increasing public awareness and understanding of the application of Islamic values in facing contemporary social and political challenges. These initiatives strengthen communities' capacity to engage with contemporary issues and promote solutions rooted in universal values of justice and prosperity.

Furthermore, Muhammadiyah has emphasized the importance of women's leadership role in society. This organization supports the active role of women in various aspects of social and political life, showing how the interpretation and application of Islamic jurisprudence can open up more space for women to contribute to leadership and decision-making.

Through these various responses, Muhammadiyah reaffirms the relevance of Islamic teachings in responding to the dynamics of modern life. This reflects Muhammadiyah's commitment to interacting with and addressing public problems within an Islamic framework, which focuses on spirituality, social justice, and sustainable development.

Thus, Muhammadiyah's response to contemporary issues and public policies shows how a religious organization can play an active role in social and political discourse, reaffirming the importance of Islamic values in guiding actions and policies toward the common good. These activities strengthen Muhammadiyah's position as an organization that is involved in religious issues and broader social and political life, significantly impacting the formation of an inclusive and democratic political culture in Indonesia.

Muhammadiyah's activities in responding to contemporary issues show how this institution seeks to combine Islamic teachings with the needs and challenges of modern society while maintaining a commitment to the principles of ethics and justice. The organization proactively uses platforms and media to spread

knowledge and promote healthy discussions on important issues at local and national levels. This communicative and educational approach is critical in shaping public opinion and supporting policies based on information and community participation.

In addition, Muhammadiyah has made great efforts to ensure that Islamic teachings are understood and applied in a context that is relevant and appropriate to the times. This includes adapting understandings of Islamic finance and economics to the context of a modern market economy, demonstrating that sharia principles can be translated into business practices that are ethical but also competitive and inclusive. For example, applying *Murabahah* principles in financial institutions helps provide access to capital for those who may be excluded from the conventional banking system due to interest provisions.

Furthermore, Muhammadiyah continues to expand the role of women in all aspects of social and political life, advocating for gender equality and women's empowerment through education and economic opportunities. This reflects the recognition that women play a critical role in the development of society and must be given equal access to all resources and opportunities. Through various programs and initiatives, Muhammadiyah supports women in taking on more significant roles in leadership and decision-making, fundamentally changing traditional dynamics and strengthening the structure of society.

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To face complex social and political challenges, Muhammadiyah continues to utilize the power of dialogue and diplomacy. Through conferences, seminars, and workshops, this organization supports exchanging ideas and strategies that promote consensus-based solutions and collaboration. These initiatives strengthen Muhammadiyah's capacity as a mediator and thought leader in civil society and emphasize its role in supporting social stability and harmony in Indonesia.

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3.5 Discussion: The Role of Muhammadiyah in Strengthening Civil Society and National Political Dynamics

In the study of the integration of Muhammadiyah in Indonesian society and national politics, it is seen that this organization has effectively utilized the concept of *Dar al Ahdi wa al Shahadah* as a guide for actively participating in the dynamics of national politics. Muhammadiyah's participation in general elections and public policy discussions not only strengthens policies that support social justice and democracy but also reaffirms their dedication to the values of *Pancasila* and the 1945 Constitution, which are the foundations of the Indonesian state (Wardana & Hidayat, 2019).

Besides that, Muhammadiyah also plays a vital role in strengthening civil society. Through initiatives in education, health policy advocacy, and social programs involving local communities, Muhammadiyah shows how the organization uses its capacity to expand public participation and increase government transparency. This activity reflects Muhammadiyah's efforts to mobilize the community to be more active in policy-making and government supervision (Argenti, 2017; Sadikin & Affandi, 2019).

Furthermore, Muhammadiyah's significant investments in education and health services have cultivated a more informed and healthy population capable of participating more effectively in the social and political arena. This empowerment directly contributes to broader political dialogue, increasing the community's ability to demand and realize change (Hasnan Bachtiar et al., 2020).

Muhammadiyah also responds to contemporary issues and public policy through education, sharia finance, and supporting women's societal leadership. This response shows the adaptation of Islamic values in overcoming modern social challenges and emphasizes the importance of dialogue in making public policy. This initiative reflects Muhammadiyah's commit-

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From this study, it can be concluded that Muhammadiyah is not only active in the religious field but also significantly contributes to the formation and strengthening of social and political structures in Indonesia, providing a model for other religious organizations to play an active and constructive role in the development of society and the country.

4 Conclusion

This research emphasizes the vital role of Muhammadiyah in supporting the structure of civil society and influencing the dynamics of national politics in Indonesia. Through adopting and applying the Dar al Ahdi wa al Shahadah concept, Muhammadiyah has demonstrated how religious values can be effectively integrated into a socio-political context to support social justice and strengthen national identity. This organization has successfully demonstrated the use of Islamic principles in strengthening the foundations of democracy in Indonesia while advocating tolerance and pluralism.

This conclusion crystallizes the results of research conducted regarding the role of Muhammadiyah in forming civil society and influencing national political dynamics in Indonesia. This research uses the Systematic Literature Review (SLR) method to understand and integrate the broad influence of Muhammadiyah through the application of the Dar al Ahdi wa al Shahadah concept in the Indonesian social and political context. The study results show that Muhammadiyah is a religious entity and a transformative force that ad-

vances democracy, social justice and the development of an inclusive society.

Muhammadiyah, as one of the most prominent Islamic organizations in Indonesia, has shown how religion can be a source of inspiration for active participation in social and political fields. Integrating Islamic values with democratic principles has helped the organization develop an inclusive approach to public policy. Muhammadiyah proactively utilizes the concept of Dar al Ahdi wa al Shahadah, which supports the principles of justice and testimony in every aspect of social and political life. This includes a commitment to social justice and alignment with ethical values that strengthen civil society while promoting a transparent and accountable government system.

Muhammadiyah has significantly improved the Indonesian people's quality of life and social awareness through education and health. Muhammadiyah's educational initiatives produce educated individuals and form knowledgeable, ethical citizens responsive to social and political challenges. Furthermore, health institutions operated by Muhammadiyah provide essential services that increase access to health care, especially among poor and marginalized communities.

In a political context, Muhammadiyah has advocated for policies that ensure justice and equality. The organization has been active in policy discussions and decision-making, underscoring the importance of public participation in democracy. Muhammadiyah also emphasizes the importance of political education as a tool of empowerment, enabling individuals and communities to participate in the democratic process with better information and confidence.

In the context of democratization, Muhammadiyah's influence has demonstrated the potential of faith-based organizations in facilitating democratic transitions and supporting political stability. Muhammadiyah is a mediator in social conflicts and an active advocate for reforms oriented toward increasing political participation and accountability. This initiative is significant in Indonesia, a country with fabulous ethnic and religious diversity, where Muhammadiyah has successfully asserted itself as a voice of moderation and tolerance.

This study also highlights how Muhammadiyah uses media and technology to educate and inform the public. Digital platforms and social media have strengthened the organization's impact in spreading educational and social messages, enabling wider reach and more dynamic interactions with members and non-members. This strategy has become essential in fight-

ing for transparency and increasing political awareness among the younger generation.

Muhammadiyah's involvement in international affairs also shows the potential of faith-based organizations in global diplomacy. Through participation in international forums and cooperation with other non-governmental organizations, Muhammadiyah promotes interfaith dialogue and cross-cultural collaboration. This effort raises Muhammadiyah's international profile and strengthens its role as a mediator on global issues, from the refugee crisis to conflict mitigation.

However, this research also identifies several challenges faced by Muhammadiyah in achieving its goals. One of the most significant is how the organization can balance its religious identity and role as an active player in secular politics. Another challenge is ensuring that its local initiatives remain relevant to rapidly changing community needs while maintaining the core principles on which its activities are based.

In conclusion, this research confirms that Muhammadiyah plays a vital role in Indonesian civil society through education, health, and social interventions and as an influential political actor that drives social and political change. By continuing to strive to integrate religious values with modern needs and challenges, Muhammadiyah has demonstrated a successful model of how religious-based organizations can positively influence national and global socio-political dynamics. Further research investigating the interactions between Muhammadiyah initiatives and public policy will be critical to understanding the full potential of faith-based organizations in broader and more dynamic political contexts. This study also opens up new opportunities to understand how the principles and practices developed by Muhammadiyah can be adapted or adopted by similar organizations in other countries, enriching insight into the role of religion in global politics and the development of inclusive societies.

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