

**THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ISLAMIC MENTAL AND SPIRITUAL
BUILDING POLICY IN THE MILITARY UNITS (ARMY) :
AN ANALYSIS**

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ABSTRACTS

This exploratory research is to identify how the army units implement the Islamic Mental and Spiritual Building Policy. The aim of this research are as to identify implementation of the policy by the army units, the level of basic Islamic knowledge (fardu ain) of the Army personnel and the effectiveness of KAGAT personnel in assisting and performing their function as the teacher, preacher and implementer of the Islamic teaching in the Army units.

The conduct of the research will be using survey method, providing self-administrated questionnaire and the respondents are from the units around Seremban. The respondents will well represent including some officers, senior Non-commission officer, Non-commission officer and private soldiers. We will provide 300 questionnaires to be distributed to 24 Royal Malay Regiment and 5 Royal Artillery respectively.

The questionnaire have consists of 8t pages with the 29 close-ended question in four sections. Section I have 11 attributes that measure basic Islamic knowledge. Section II has 10 attributes that measures the unit and personnel involvement in the implementation of activities by the unit. Section III consists of two attributes that measures the effectiveness of KAGAT personnel in assisting the unit implementing the policy. Section IV consists of six attributes about socio-demographic details such as sex, age group, rank, terms of service, level of religious qualification and martial status. The questionnaires were prepared in one version, only in Bahasa Malaysia (BM) since the personnel in more proficient in BM. The survey use two types of scales, Likert scale for Section I, II and nominal and ratio for Section IV the demographic profile.

For the finding, the research has established majority of the respondents is in the age group between 18 to 30 years (86 %). For rank group, majority of

the respondents in the rank of NCO and Private (86 %). Base on the analysis, the result of the cross-tabulation between age group and KAGAT is significant where the P value is 0.029. The result of the cross-tabulation between ranks group against activities significant is significant where the P value is 0.021. The result of the cross-tabulation between group of respondents terms of service against activity is significant where the P value is P value is 0.008.

We manage to write this research continuously with the availability of data and information from the respondents, interview and secondary data. The research is present in 4 chapters as follows:

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LISTS OF ABBREVIATIONS

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AFC	-	Armed Forces Council
KAGAT	-	Kor Agama Angkatan Tentera
MAF	-	Malaysian Armed Forces.
NCO	-	Non Commission Officer
PMAT	-	Perintah Majlis Angkatan Tentera
RAR	-	Royal Artillery Regiment
RMR	-	Royal Malay Regiment
SNCO	-	Senior Non Commission Officer
SPSS	-	Statistical Package for Social Sciences