

# VIRTUAL SEMINAR ON THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 28TH YEARS OF THE DEMISE OF HAJI MOHD. SAID



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## BACKGROUND

Print media was one of the crucial elements during the pre-independence and modernization processes in the Malay Archipelago. The ones who took part in this intellectual venture have been recognized as contributors to the nation-building process. Moreover, the late Haji Mohammad Said is one of these pioneer journalists and intellectuals in Indonesia. His contribution as the founding father of Waspada with his wife, Ani Idrus, was appreciated by the presence of Joko Widodo, the President of the Republic of Indonesia, in February 2023

H. Mohd. Said played a pertinent role through his ventures in print media and disseminating information and knowledge through written communication for the general public good, particularly its socioeconomic and political developments.

His contribution was no doubt pertinent enough during the emerging socio-political consciousness among the public during the 1920s onwards. And H. Mohd. Said and his wife Ani Idrus, as the founders of Waspada Medan in 1947, provided spaces for meaningful social engagements, discussion and exchange of ideas, and the promotion of moral responsibility for the public good.

We would like to commemorate the 28th year of demise of Mohammad Said with a preliminary seminar by your participation. We would be glad to witness your contribution to this online symposium. And we believe that it would be reason for a network for near future similar activities

In this regard, it is believed that the life of Mohd. Said, which significantly had a conjunction of contemporary developments in North Sumatra, constitutes unique aspects from his early ages and continued sustainably throughout his life, closely observing and experiencing both pre-independence and post-independence eras.

The life, journalistic and intellectual activities of the late Haji Mohammad Said, which are exciting and, at the same time, complex fashion which is assumed to be illustrated as a model, not probably a norm, deal with how individuals enhanced and exercised their own intellectual and political stance related to the power struggle in society autonomously from the well-established political movements

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This preliminary Seminar aims to discuss Mohd Said's biographical life, journalism, and intellectuality in line with the independence struggle in Indonesia and generally in the Malay world, with a particular interest in a list of objectives

University of Sumatera Utara (Medan), ICAIOS (Syah Kuala University-Banda Aceh), and ISTAC-IIUM (Kuala Lumpur) will be organizing an online seminar titled "The 28th year of commemoration of the demise of Haji Mohd. Said" to be held on 15 May 2023

## THESE OBJECTIVES INCLUDE:

1. The examination of the spatial and temporal influence of the colonial condition in North Sumatra upon the development of HMS
2. The understanding of the changes in ideological spheres that occurred during the 1920s onwards in the Archipelago, which is believed to have fundamentally transformed the local and regional political establishments
3. The intellectual network developed between HMS and other intellectuals, politicians in regional and national scales.



MONDAY, 15 MAY 2023



14.00 -16.00 INDONESIAN TIME

## OPENING SPEECH



Prof. Abdelaziz Berghout, Dean of ISTAC/IIUM; Dra. Lila Pelita Hati, M.Si., Head of Department of History; Dr. T. Thyryhaya Zein, MA., Dean of Faculty of Cultural Sciences; Prof. Dr. Poppy Anjelisa Hasibuan, M.Si, Apt., Vice Rector III; Dr. Cut Dewi, M.Sc., M.T., Executive Director ICAIOS

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Anthony Reid (TBC), Professor of History (Emeritus); Tribuana Said, Waspada

## MODERATOR



Dato Prof. Dr. Ahmad Murad Merican, ISTAC/IIUM, Kuala Lumpur

## DISCUSSANTS



M. Alkaf, Yayasan Pendidikan Ali Hasjmy and Lecturer at IAIN Langsa; Budi Agustono, Professor of History; Prof. Azhari Akmal Tarigan, Lecturer, State Islamic University of North Sumatra; Mehmet Ozay, ISTAC/IIUM, Kuala Lumpur

## MODERATOR



Kiki Maulana Affandi, Department of History

- Sofyan Harahap (Chief Editor of Waspada, Medan)
- Shohibul Anshor Siregar (Columnist, Medan)
- Murizal Hamzah (Jurnalis, aspek.id)

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