The Position and Participation of Khadijah in Developing Da'wah in Islam at the First Period

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Abstract

Women are always interesting issues to be made into a study, both in countries that are Muslim majority and non-Muslim majority. Admittedly or not, the presence of women on this earth has a very important role. They are a part of this life, however, it is still felt by at least people who are aware of this. Many women have succeeded in carrying out their role, so it is worthy of being a good role model and teaching especially for Muslims in particular. One of the women who needed to be a role model was Khadijah as the first wife of the Prophet. Khadijah is a phenomenal figure, integrity, self-purity, faith, and her commitment to continue to support and sacrifice for the success of the Prophet's preaching. Moving on from that thought, the authors can explain that Khadijah was already well known among the Muslims only limited to the wife of the Prophet Muhammad, but the position and participation of Khadijah in developing Islam in the first period were less noticed by the Eve today. Whereas the most important thing that needs to be understood from Khadijah is the position and participation of Khadijah to be a good role model for women today. Furthermore, the authors can conclude from this paper that Khadijah always participated in the struggle of the Prophet, since before becoming the wife of the Prophet and after becoming her husband. In general there are three things that motivate Khadijah in the struggle of the Prophet, namely the personality of the Prophet, Khadijah's love for the Prophet and Khadija's belief in the truth of Islamic teachings. Khadijah's sacrifice in developing Islam which is greatest was her body and soul.

Keywords
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I. Introduction

Khadijah before becoming the wife of the Prophet had been married twice. Besides that, Khadijah was a woman who was good at business and her views were quite broad in matters of trade. Khadijah was also one of the most famous journalists of the time. Khadijah was also a wealthy widow, despite being 40 years old, apparently beautiful. Indeed, Khadijah was good at caring for herself so she looked young.

Besides that, Khadijah was a woman of choice, because of her nobility, her descendents, her beauty and her reporters. Khadijah was one of those who was open-minded, intelligent, and high in her ideals. Because of her nature so plastered Khadijah as a

¹ A. Nawawi Rambe, Muhammad Rasul Penutup, (Jakarta: wijaya, 1981), hal. 42.
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kind woman in the midst of her people. Then the people around her chanted Khadijah with the nickname Ath-Tahirah.

Khadijah lived in a state of commerce, both in and out of Mecca. Khadijah was known as a rich widow who lives in a state of luxury. Everyone loved her, and many people joined her, both women and men as domestic servants, and organized and managed her merchandise. In this case Nawawi Rambe explained that, although Khadijah's representatives and employees were many, Khadijah was still looking for an active and honest trade expert, to be entrusted to take care of her merchandise to Syria.

Indeed the fact that someone was very busy in taking care of her business would be tired. One night Khadijah slept soundly. In her sleep he dreamed, she saw the sun go down from the sky to Mecca City, then down into her house, so that the rays of light illuminated all directions in the house and its surroundings, and immediately she woke up from sleep.

II. Review of Literature

Khadijah and Her Position

a. As a Wife of Prophet during Her Life

Not long after Muhammad's return from the land of Sham, Khadijah wanted to apply for Muhammad Al-Amin to be her husband. Khadijah had heard the news from Maisarah about Muhammad's personal privileges and the glory of his nature. For this reason, Khadijah was attracted to Muhammad. M. Ali Quthub in his book Muslimatun Khalidat said: Saiyidah Khadijah always contemplated Muhammad while asking herself, if Al-Amin would want to marry him, because was already 40 years old, while Muhammad was only 25 years old.

Furthermore, in the book As-Siratu An-Nabawiyah, Mustafa As-Siba’i explained that, Khadijah was interested and said she was willing to be Muhammad’s wife, but Muhammad also accepted the statement, then married her at the age difference of not less than fifteen years.

Even though Khadijah was older than the Prophet's age, for a married couple it was not strange, because Khadijah was a woman who was good at caring for herself with noble character.

Among the women who contributed greatly to Islam or contributed to the Prophet Muhammad was Khadijah bint Khuwailid. It was Khadijah who got first and foremost place, because Khadijah had not only sacrificed her belongings for the struggle of the Prophet, but also provided significant moral support to the Prophet Muhammad while he was still alive, and a number of her assets had been donated for the struggle of her husband.

Khadijah aside from acting as a wife, housewife, also as a parent who has matured her experience in serving her husband who was younger than her. Ali Akbar said:

Perhaps this is the great wisdom of the Prophet Muhammad paired with Allah with a widow who is older than 15 years. Prophet Muhammad since his mother's womb had been orphaned, the death of his mother he was a child, a great loss of Muhammad.

3 A. Nawawi Rambe, Muhammad Rasul..., hal. 45.
4 Muhammad Ali Quthub, terj Sitti Aminah Zuhri, Muslimatun Khalidat, (Semarang: Toha Putra, 1982), hal. 12.
5 Mustafa As-Siba’i, As-Siratu An-Nabawiyah, (Jakarta: Media Dakwah, 1993), hal. 49.
The loss of love for his mother seems to have been found again after marrying Khadijah. Kahdijah besides acting as a housewife, also as a wife during her life. From the above quotation it is clear that, Khadijah as the first wife of the Prophet Muhammad, and Khadijah had been able to give true love to her husband while she was still alive. This is the main capital needed by a warrior. This is also the greatest policy to lead to further success, because according to custom occurs, will succeed in a job with the agreement between husband and wife who mutually support each other.

In the success of the da’wah, Prophet Muhammad played a huge role in understanding Khadijah to foster a happy home. Thus, the Prophet Muhammad could avoid the failure of da’wah, as some of the earlier Prophet, such as Prophet David, Noah, and Ayyub.

Mursal. M. Taher has described the position of Khadijah as follows: Khadijah was the wife of the Prophet Muhammad during her life. The Prophet Muhammad never married another woman while Khadijah was still alive. Khadijah lived with Prophet Muhammad with compassion and served Prophet Muhammad without any shortcomings. For approximately 25 years Khadijah lived with the Prophet Muhammad, Khadijah was a wise wife who could reassure her husband's heart. Prophet Muhammad loved Khadijah with all his heart. After Khadijah died, the Prophet Muhammad still remembered her. It is not surprising that after Khadija's death, the Prophet Muhammad always mentioned her name to the point of cutting off the goat and the meat was delivered to the house of Khadija's friends.

Prophet Muhammad's attention to Khadijah was also quite large, this was seen at the time of Khadija's death at the age of 65 years. The Prophet Muhammad himself organized the fardu of the body of Khadijah, until it was buried in the Shi'i Hayun Makkah.

How great is Khadijah's service to Islam and the Muslims while Khadijah was still alive. Khadijah's personality can be a role model for mothers now and in the future. And the Quraysh in particular, they worship idols as worship, moral decadence is very concerning. Victory at the elbow, the weak are always their slaves, the saddest of the least dignity of women, the daughters are killed alive. They live in the condemnation of sin. Liquor, wine and women playing are their jobs.

It is in this picture and situation that the Messenger of Allah was decreed by Allah to bring guidance and mercy to the universal universe, according to his firm which means: "we have not sent you, O Muhammad, except to be a mercy of all the worlds."

At first the Prophet Muhammad preached to spread the religion of Islam quietly, confined to people who were trusted. It is important to avoid things that are not desired, because this has become a world custom, every new one will be rejected by humans, especially what Muhammad wants to change is the belief of humans from polytheism to Muslims who believe in Allah.

People who first converted to Islam or who initially believed in the religion of Islam are called "As Shabiqul Awwalun", the first person to justify the Prophet. The people who

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7Hamka, *Sejarah Ummat Islam*, (Jakarta: Bulan Bintang, 1950), hal. 196.
first converted to Islam on the men's side include: Abu Bakar Siddiq, Zubir Bin Awwam, Talha, this belongs to the adult group. On the woman's side are Khadijah bint Khuwailid and Umm Aiman. While from the side of the teenager was Zaid bin Harisah and on the side of the children was Ali bin Abi Talib.

Especially for Khadijah as the first woman to believe in Messenger of Allah, and the first time she uttered two syahadah, this got a special place in the Prophet. Khadijah besides the first, also she who has been able to make the Prophet happy by giving birth to six children. Mursal H.M Toher said:

Khadijah bint Khuwailid had financed the Prophet in her struggle with her body and soul to win the monotheism of monotheism. Khadijah was the backbone of Islam, she has accompanied the Prophet throughout her life.\textsuperscript{11}

Based on the description above, the author can conclude that the woman who initially confirmed the Messenger of Allah on the woman's side was Khadijah, and also on the men's side was the first time Abu Bakar Shiddiq. Next Khadijah deserves to be called the backbone of Islam, and she has accompanied Rasulullah throughout her life.

\textbf{b. As a Housewife}

Khadijah is an example for all Muslims, especially for Muslims in fostering happy households. All Khadija's deeds and behavior will be a good role model for all mothers.

Khadijah before becoming the wife of the Messenger of Allah, among her people and family was known as a saint who was intelligent and well-mannered. Khadijah was a housewife who should be praised and emulated by the example of the Muslim community from the past until now, both in taking care of the household and in serving her husband. "In the hands of the mother lies the happiness of the household and the peace of the husband."\textsuperscript{12}

Khadijah was also a wise, patient and steadfast person in the face of events that occur because of that Khadijah's household became peaceful conflict between husband and wife. To find a peace in a household to be happy and peaceful, mothers should be able to serve their husband and children as well as possible. Mothers and fathers must provide guidance to their children in the household in order to achieve happiness that is harmonious, calm, safe and not restless for their children, and families. This is Ayesha Dachlan Said: Mother Father who lives peacefully, faithfully and harmoniously must make their children calm, not nervous, instead making their children happy. Peace and tranquility born and inner must be able to be created in the family by caressing the love of the mother and father.\textsuperscript{13}

Nawawi Rambe also explained that: Khadijah is a housewife who can serve her husband and children both in difficult circumstances, Khadijah in the household is always respectful to her husband, children and the community. Khadijah was no less in love and respect for her husband.\textsuperscript{14}

Khadijah married households with the Messenger of Allah increasingly sinking into happiness. Besides housewife, she able to serve her husbands, children because she was more knowledgeable in being able to take care of all problems both in the household and in the community.\textsuperscript{15}

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\bibitem{11}Mursal. H. M. Toher. \textit{Tokoh Wanita...}, hal. 246.
\bibitem{12}Aisyah Dachlan, \textit{Membina Rumah Tangga Bahagia Dan Peranan Agama Dalam Rumah Tangga}, (Jakarta: Yamunu, 1969), hal. 27
\bibitem{13}\textit{Ibid...}, hal. 21.
\bibitem{14}A. Nawawi Rambe, \textit{Muhammad Rasul...}, hal. 45.
\bibitem{15}\textit{Ibid...}, hal. 47.
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Therefore, Khadijah sincerely gave her property to her husband because Khadijah understood that a good household builder would not use the property as she wished, she was sure that her husband would not spend her wealth on something useless.

From the description above, the authors can explain that the role of Khadijah as a housewife in the family is more emphasis on efforts to foster and realize a happy family. Following this Khadijah acts as a mother who acts as a mother giving birth to children as the next generation who then care for and nurture and protect the family.

c. As an Educators of Her Children

Khadijah was an educator for her children because she was a woman and the head of the household when the Prophet left to spread Islam. The household was the first environment for children to get education especially from their parents. Personal progress and development of children was very dependent on family life because the family was an educational environment that is the base or basis of life in the future.\(^\text{16}\)

The first education in coaching children is their mother. If the mother gives experience to a good child, their child will be fine, and vice versa. Education is very important in the family of the good and bad of a child depends on education in the household.

Khadijah was as an educator mother in her own family and among the people of her time. Khadijah aside from acting as a housewife as well as a teacher (educator) in pedaling a household ark.\(^\text{17}\)

From the description above it is clear that Khadijah aside from her role as a housewife and also as an educator mother of her children. In educating Khadija, she never shows cruelty to her children and always gives love to her children. Khadijah's love for her children was famous throughout her life. She did not commit cruelty or violence to them. So here can take a good role model Siti Khadijah, how to educate her children. In educating these children must be wise.

Khadijah in caring for and educating her children was full of love and she was in a state of illness. In this case Nawawi Rambe said: Khadijah caring for and educating her children is full of affection that can be given by a mother, she always pays attention to all of her children's needs. If her children is sick she never leaves her guarded day and night.\(^\text{18}\)

Khadijah was very harmonious and peaceful and happy in the household because she was steadfast in carrying out her duties as a mother. Education in the Khadijah period was not the same as education now because education today is completely modern, but education in the Khadijah period only focused on how to read the Qur'an and Arabic sya'irs, and introduce to their children about that is halal and haram.

Ahmad Syalaby said: Khadijah said to her son that I have appointed you to be her educator therefore you should obey Allah and do whatever is entrusted to you the first time I will testify to you so that you train him with the Book and then narrate to him the best poetry and bring it to the Arabian villages to take the poetry of those who are good, they should know some of the halal and haram.\(^\text{19}\)

In this case for an educator should be able to set a good role model in the mother Khadijah, especially for women in educating their children in the household.

\(^\text{16}\)Arifin, *Hubungan Timpal Balik Pendidikan Agama di Lingkungan Sekolah dan Keluarga*, (Jakarta: Bulan Bintang, 1975), hal. 84.

\(^\text{17}\)Ali Akbar, *Khadijah Umul...*, hal. 46.

\(^\text{18}\)A. Nawawi Rambe, *Muhammad Rasul...*, hal. 44.

\(^\text{19}\)Mukhtar Yahya, *sejarah pendidikan Islam*, (Jakarta: Bulan-Bintang, 1973), hal. 51.

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### III. Discussion

#### 3.1 Khadijah’s Participation in the Struggle of the Prophet

When the city of Mecca was hit by a great flood, where the water came down from the mountain, the flood hit and cracked the walls of the Kaaba which was already fragile. The Quraysh had previously thought about fixing it, but there was no cost for it. Muhammad Husen Haikal said: to repair the fragile Kaaba the participation of Khadijah contributed twenty camels to repair it.\(^{20}\)

Khadijah was the Prophet's wife who was very loyal. Khadijah has always participated in assisting the Messenger of Allah where he felt the need, both morally and spiritually. Khadijah kept foaming with all her might to achieve her husband’s ideals. Bustami A. Gani said: Khadijah joined in supporting the Prophet, accepted it, stood on her side so that the message was carried out safely and strongly, that was the wife of the Prophet.\(^{21}\)

Khadijah was a descendant of the people and journalists who were loved by all levels of the Quraysh society. Khadijah was a rich widow who was the first companion of the Prophet and was very loyal to him. Aboe Bakar Atjeh Said: The first wife of the Messenger of Allah was Khadijah, a rich widow in Mecca who later married the Prophet Muhammad because she was interested in Muhammad's character, his intelligence in the Quraysh group. Especially interesting is that honesty and truth in social work.\(^{22}\)

Next Aboe Bakar Atjeh explained that: Khadijah was among the first Muslims, who initially confirmed the prophetood of the Prophet Muhammad. When the Prophet Muhammad was afraid of accepting the task of Allah which was conveyed to him in the form of revelation, Khadijah was the first to reassure the heart of the Prophet Muhammad, she said to the Prophet Muhammad, rejoice, my uncle's son, resolved your heart, for Allah who determines the soul, you will truly be a Prophet for our people. Allah will not disappoint you. Didn't you always close brotherhood? Didn't you always say the truth? Didn't you always help orphans, glorify guests and reach out to everyone who was afflicted by the poor and miserable.\(^{23}\)

Khadijah not only as a faithful wife who always gives encouragement in the struggle of the Prophet, but everything will be sacrificed for the sake of the husband's struggle. This is as stated by Aboe Bakar Atjeh as follows: Khadijah was the only faithful wife, who helped in the struggle for inner birth, sacrificed all her belongings to do good according to the teachings of the Prophet Muhammad, defended her husband’s honor from the humiliation carried out by the nobles and reporter reporter Quraysh.\(^{24}\)

The description shows that Khadijah was a faithful wife. Loneliness was seen in the willingness to sacrifice property to help the struggle of the Prophet. She also defended her husband's honor, from the humiliation of the Quraysh. This willingness was done by

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\(^{21}\) Bustami A. Gani, *Tuntunan Islam*, (Jakarta: Bulan Bintang, 1993), hal 34.

\(^{22}\) Aboe Bakar Atjeh, *Toleransi Nabi Muhammad dan Sahabat-Sahabatnya*, (Jakarta: Yayasan Pengetahuan Islam, 1966), hal. 1.

\(^{23}\) Ibid…, hal. 3.

\(^{24}\) Ibid…, hal. 5.
Khadijah because she was sure of the relationship between the personality of the Prophet and the truth of the teachings of the Prophet.

Khadijah's belief in the nobleness of Muhammad's personality had begun since the Messenger of Allah brought his merchandise. About this A. Hidayat argued that before becoming the wife of the Messenger of Allah, Khadijah was a busy trader. Khadijah had to prepare her merchandise and camels to trade in Syria. For the success of the trade carried by the caravan, Khadijah must choose capable and trusted traders, especially for a trade caravan leader. In choosing a caravan leader, she was very difficult to get it. But with the will of Allah, Muhammad became a merchant who helped Khadijah and he was also the most trusted Khadijah to lead trade.25

Thus Khadijah had known her husband's personality since Muhammad helped Khadijah in trading, from leading the caravan to carrying Khadijah's merchandise to bringing home the results.

Based on the description above shows that, Khadijah always participated in the struggle of the Prophet, both before becoming a husband and after becoming her husband. And Khadijah always participated in the struggle with the Prophet and always helped him with her wealth.

3.2 Khadija's Sacrifice Against the Struggle of the Prophet

Khadijah was a wealthy widow, and gave much capital in the struggle of the Prophet. In this case, A. Nawawi Rambe stated as follows: Khadijah willingly surrendered everything to her husband, all of her wealth, because Khadijah believed that her husband would not spend it on the useless.26

Next Bintusy Shaty said: Khadijah bint Khuwailid, the noble lady of Quraysh who was the most noble of her descendants and the most wealthy.

From the above explanation it is clear that Khadijah before Islam came to have used her property in the form of gold, food, money and so on to help people in need.

The abundant wealth of Khadijah that Allah gave her did not make Khadijah miser, even Khadijah was very generous and always gave Khadijah's property for the sake of Allah. Her wealth was mainly given to her husband in the struggle to carry out Islamic da'wah, as Mursal HM Toher stated "Khadijah had donated all her belongings and body and soul in the struggle. The Prophet won the treatise of the Prophet, and Khadijah had stated that she was ready to move her property, her wealth, money for the sake of her religious vocation.27

Khadijah besides a wealthy widow was also a person who has a big influence in the Quraysh and their families. Kahdijah surrendered her belongings to the struggle of the Prophet to uphold the sacred religion, namely Islam, she did not hesitate to give up her

25A. Hidayat, Khadijah binti Khuwailid, (Bandung: Al Miatif, 1976), hal. 9.
26A. Nawawi Rambe, Muhammad Rasul..., hal. 45.
28A. Nawawi Rambe, Muhammad Rasul..., hal. 45.
possessions, because they obtained the proceeds of her own efforts. Even parents' inheritance.

Khadijah's wealth has been delegated to the capital of the struggle of the Prophet in upholding the sentence monotheism. Under no circumstances does Khadijah always support and give her wealth to the struggle of the Prophet, even though there are obstacles. In connection with this Aboe Bakar Atjeh explained, Khadijah was the only faithful wife who helped the struggle of the Prophet born and inner. All her property was sacrificed to do good for the teachings of Muhammad, defending her husband’s honor from the humiliation carried out by the nobles of Quraysh.29

From the description above it is clear that Khadijah was a very wealthy woman and a journalist and philanthropist. Khadijah always provides support and encouragement for her husband's interests in carrying out Islamic da'wah. Khadijah also provided capital in the struggle of the Prophet to achieve the ideals of her husband in upholding the sentence monotheism. Khadijah has given capital to her husband because Khadijah believes her husband will not use the treasure in a useless place.

IV. Conclusion

In the following, the authors tries to outline some of the conclusions from all the previous descriptions.
1. Khadijah always participated in the struggle of the Prophet, since before and after becoming the wife of the Prophet. And Khadijah always participated in the struggle with the Prophet and always helped him with her wealth.
2. Furthermore, in general there are three things that motivated Khadijah in the struggle of the Prophet, namely the personality of the Prophet, Khadijah's love for the Prophet and Khadija's belief in the truth of the teachings of Islam that were delivered by the Prophet.
3. Khadija's sacrifice in developing the greatest Islam is always faithfully accompanying and giving support and encouragement to the Messenger of Allah for the benefit of her husband in carrying out Islamic da'wah. Khadijah even gave all of her wealth as capital in the struggle of the Prophet to achieve the ideals of her husband in upholding the sentence monotheism.

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