The contribution of mass media in the life of the nation and state

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Islam rahmatan lil alamin is not just a phrase, but needs to be realized in the daily lives of the people, the daily life of the ummah. Islam rahmatan lil alamin is a sign that the ummah is late to be enlightened and contribute to national and state life. Contribute to the life of nationality and statehood.

This model of Islam is not only proclaimed through religious pulpits in mosques/Nicholas but needs to appear in the tradition of community literacy. One of these traditions is through the mass media.

The mass media has a role as enlightenment for the people. The effect of mass media is not just to be a reporter or information reporter. Based on Law No. 40/1999 on the press, the media informs, educates, entertains, and social control supervises the behavior of the public and the authorities.

The media is a shaper of the view of the ummah. This view becomes important amid a crisis. This means that the media has a moral responsibility to raise the fighting spirit of the people to respond to the social conditions that are happening. This is the important role of mass media in shaping public opinion (McQuail, 2010). Mass media can shape public opinion as a tool of resistance. One of the tools of resistance was in the era of colonialism, where Indonesia was colonized by the Dutch.

One of the important media in the fight against colonialism was magazine Adil. Magazine Adil was the mandate of the 32nd Muhammadiyah Congress in Makassar in 1932. Magazine Adil was an important Muhammadiyah media stream in the colonial era. Magazine Adil was different from Suara Muhammadiyah and Suara Aisyiyah as the “official” media of the Muhammadiyah Association (Zara, 2022). Although it was born from the mandate of the Congress as the highest deliberation of the Muhammadiyah Association, magazine Adil showed a critical face.

Magazine Adil was born as a response to the conditions of the times by carrying the spirit of Islam rahmatan lil alamin. Magazine Adil preached resistance to colonialism through news and presentations on its media pages. Magazine Adil became a differentiator for mass media at that time because it was managed not only by Muhammadiyah journalists but also by those who had strong nationalist views. Surono as one of the editors received full support from Mohammad Hatta as editor-in-chief at that time.

The narrative of Islam rahmatan lil alamin as a way to fight colonialism is interestingly visible in Magazine Adil’s news. This was Magazine Adil’s way of educating the people and resisting colonialism.

Magazine Adil has done is proof that mass media has an important role in realizing a good life. One of the manifestations of a good life is independence. Magazine Adil is one of the media that participates in being a reporter towards the independence of the Republic of Indonesia with a variety of news wrapped in Islam rahmatan lil alamin.

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