THE VIABILITY OF THE GOLD DINAR IMPLEMENTION MODEL: A CASE STUDY IN ACEH

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ABSTRACT

This study begins by elucidating on the status of gold dinar as money from the figh viewpoint. Upon establishing its legitimacy and supremacy over fiat money, the thesis then explores and addresses the numerous criticisms, issues, debates regarding gold dinar and the possibility for its implementation in the current monetary system. In this, we examine the factors and potential models for public acceptance of this new financial medium. Upon identifying the desired factors and challenges, the thesis proposes an appropriate framework for implementing the gold dinar as currency within the contemporary financial and monetary context followed by a study of its viability. The study concentrates on the sample of Aceh as an autonomous region for seeking Islamic rules implementation. Using a mix methods comprising library and field research, we examined the historical uses of gold in Islam from which we concluded that the hukm (law) of gold/silver as money is permissible, and can become compulsory (wajib) for a country, if the objectives of minting gold dinars is to protecting national independence and sovereignty. In addition, the review indicated that gold dinar as money serves more benefits while fiat money promotes numerous harms. Based on a deductive analysis, we found that gold as a measurement of value is more viable rather than the use of physical gold dinar. The study distributed 200 questionnaires showed that public acceptance of the gold dinar as money is affected by economic capability, investment capability, social capability, political capability, and Islamic value. Interestingly, economic factor is the most influential factor. Structural Equation Modelling (SEM) showed that economic capability (X1), social capability (X4), and Islamic value (X5) variables positively and significantly influence public support for adopting the gold dinar as money. The research also found that mobile payment systems based on gold as a measurement of value were a good payment system model. The model involved merchants/agents, ICT providers, clearing house, customers, and regulators. The proposed model facilitates people to conduct transactions efficiently, easily and safely by using mobile phones. The sampled scholars, businessmen, politicians, and community leaders shared the belief that the proposed model can be effectively contribute towards forming a just society that is prosperous and tranquil. However, Acts, central bank, legal tender law, government, and political support are serious challenges in implementing the proposed model. Hence, the study suggested implementation at the Cooperative level to minimize the influence of inhibiting factors.

ملخص البحث

هذه الدراسة محاولةٌ لإلقاء الضوء على حكم العملة الذهبيَّة من منظور فقهيّ، بالإضافة إلى معرفة شرعيتها وهيمنتها على العملة الورقيّة. وهذه الدراسة تتطرقتْ إلى حسم الخلاف في القضايا الّتي تتعلّق باستخدام العملة الذهبيّة في النظام المالي المعاصر. وذلك لكثرة العوائق التي تحول دون تحقيق استخدامها، وهذا الواقع يتطلب إيجاد العملة الذهبيّة المناسبة حتى يتمكّن من تطبيقها في نظام الاقتصاد الحالي. كما أن الدراسة تتطرق إلى معرفة العوامل والعناصر التي تتعلق بالمجتمع ورغبته في استخدام العملة الذهبية. وهذه الرسالة غرضها الأساسيّ بناءُ الخطّة العريضة لتحقيق مدى إمكانية تطبيق العملة الذهبيّة وضمان صلاحيتها. وأما حدود هذه الدراسة فهي محدودة بمنطقة أتشيه، حيث إنما من إحدى ولايات إندونيسيا التي تحاول تطبيق الشريعة الإسلامية تطبيقًا كاملاً وقد حاولت هذه الولاية في استخدام العملة الذهبية بشكل واسع. وهذه الدراسة متكونة من المنهج الكمّيّ والكيفيّ. وأما ما يتعلق بالمنهج التحليلي في هذه الدراسة فالآليات المسخدمة هي المنهج التاريخي، والواقع، وكله ذلك مؤيد بالحجج من الكتاب والسنة التي تتمثل في تقرير النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم بخصوص استخدام العملة الذهبية، ومن تلك الأدلة يمكن أن نستنتج أن اتخاذ العملة الذهبية أمرٌ مشروع، بل إن حكم اتخاذ العملة الذهبية قد يصل إلى حدّ الوجوب إذا كان الهدف منه من أجل إكمال التطبيق الشرعي في أتشيه حتى يكون شاملاً متكاملاً، ولتحقيق الاستقلال الذاتي من هيمنة الآخرين في الاقتصاد وتحقيق السيادة الوطنية. واكتشفت الدراسة أن استخدام الدينار الذهبي بوصفه عملةً ساريةً مصلحته أكبر من استخدام العملة الورقية، حيث إن استخدام العملة الورقيّة قد جلبَ مفاسدَ عظيمة، بالإضافة إلى ذلك، فإن الدراسة الاستقرائية قد اكتشفت أن التقييم بالعملة الذهبية أكثر دقةً مقارنةً بالعملة الورقية، شريطة أن يكون المعيار هو الدينار الذهبي. وقد اتخذت الدراسة المنهج الميداني وذلك بتوزيع 200 استبيانة وقد تم توزيعها في 23 منطقة ومدينة في ولاية أتشيه، واتكشفت من خلال الاستبيانات الموزعة أن الدعم الشعبي تتأثر بالقدرة الاقتصادية، والقدرة على الاستثمار، والقدرة الاجتماعية، والقدرة السياسية، والقيم الإسلامية، والملفت للنظر أن القدرة الاقتصادية تعدّ من أكبر العناصر في التأثير. وباستخدام نموذج المعادلة الهيكلية (SEM) اكتشف أن القدرة الاقتصادية (X1)، والقدرة الاجتماعية (X4)، والقيم الإسلامية (X1) تؤثر تأثيرًا إيجابيًّا في الدعم الشعبي لتطبيق استخدام العملة الذهبية في أتشيه. ولاستخدام هذا النموذج قد اشترك فيه العملاء، والزبائن، ومزودو تكنولوجيا المعلومات والاتصالات، وشركات المقاصّة، وكذلك القانون لضمان صلاحيته في التطبيق العملي. وهذا النظام بإمكانه أن يخدم الصفقات العامّة بشكل شامل بكل سهولة وأمن ومرن فضلاً عن أن النظام يمكن استخدامه في الهاتف المحمول. وأما الاستبيانات فقط تم توزيعها على علماء الدين، والأكاديميين، ورجال الأعمال، والسياسيين والوجهاء، والاستبيانات تقرر بأن الجيبين يتفقون على أن هذا النظام المقترح يمكن أن يساعد على تحقيق العدل والرفاهة في المجتمع. ومع ذلك إلى حدّ الآن لا يمكن تطبيق هذا النظام لوجود الموانع القانونية الحكومية في موضوع المالية والمصرفية. كما أن الإرادة الحكومية والدعم السياسي يمثلان أكبر العراقيل نحو تطبيق هذا النظام. ومن أجل ذلك توصى الدراسة أن يستخدم هذا النظام على مستوى الشركة والكتلة الاجتماعية حتى لا يتصادم مع العرقلة والضغوطات الداخلية المذكورة.

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LIST OF KEY TERMS USED IN THE THESIS

Akhlāq : The plural of the word khulq which means disposition,

Conduct, character, attitudes, ethics, moral and manner. It is an Arabic term referring to the practice of <u>virtue</u>, <u>morality</u> and <u>manners</u> in <u>Islamic theology</u>.

and philosophy (falsafah)

Al-wasliyah : Islamic Scholars Association based on Syafi'ī

Madhhab in Sumatra Island

Al-māl : The wealth which generate the profit or some benefits

to its owners

'Aqīdah : Article of faith, tenet, creed, or dogma.

Bayt al-Māl wa Tamwīl : The Islamic state treasury and rising fund

Bismillāhi rabbi : In the Name of Allah or I begin in the Name of Allah

Da'wah : Lit: Call. Inviting people to Islam, whether by literal

invitation and preaching, or by the example of good

actions.

Dāniq : Lit: An ancient coin, a small coin. Tech: A coin of

silver equal to eight grains of barley or 0.496 g.

Dinār : A monetary unit. Tech: Gold coin weighing one

mithqāl, equivalent to 4.25 gram

Dirham : Lit: A weight of varying magnitude. Tech: A measure

for weighing commodities. One dirham equaled 3.171

gram

Diyāt : Recompense for loss of a life.

Dhahab : Lit: a gold or valuable metal.

Fiddah : Lit: a silver

Figh : Islamic jurisprudence. The science of the sharī'ah. It is

an important source of Islamic economics.

Fulūs : a coin made of bronze from the Roman and Byzantine

tradition. And it is used in the practice of the first Muslim communities (the Umayyads, who first minted

Dinar and Dirham also minted fulus).

Fugahā': The plural of the word $faq\bar{\imath}h$. It refers to the Islamic

jurist or well-known as the expert of Islamic

jurisdictions

Gharār : The root word of gharār denotes deception,

uncertainty or ambiguity. *Bai'* al-gharār is an exchange in which there is an element of deception either through ignorance of the goods, the price, or

through faulty description of the goods.

Hājj : Pilgrimage to Mecca. Sunnis regard this as the fifth

Pillar of Islam.

Hanafīs, Malikīs, Shafi'īs, Hanbalīs The names *imām* of the Islamic thought of school and it refers to the followers of each *imām*. The one who practice the way of Syafi'ī it is called as Syafi'īs and

so on.

Ḥarām : That which is unlawful in Islam. It is necessary to

abstain from the acts which are haram

Hijriyyah : The Islamic calendar commences from the event of

the The emigration of the Prophet Muhammad PBUH,

from Makkah to Medinah in 622 CE.

Hudūd : Lit: limits or boundaries. Usually refers to limits

placed by Allah on man; penalties of the Islamic law (*sharī'ah*) for particular crimes described in the Qur'ān –intoxication, theft, rebellion, adultery and fornication,

false accusation of adultery, and apostasy

Hukm Syar'ī : The Ruling in the Qur'ān or Sunnah.

Insyaffudin : Islamic boarding Schools Association in Aceh

'Iwad : Recompense or equivalent counter value in an

exchange.

Kanz al-Māl : Treasuries

Khalaf : Lit: Substitute, succession. Tech: Relating to the law

of ownership, it refers to securing or taking possession of things through succession under the law of

inheritance.

Khalīfah : The Caliph, more generally, one performing the duties

of khilafā' (Islamic state).

Khulafā' al- Rāshidīn : The four Caliphs after the death of the prophet

Muhammad. The caliph of Abū Bakr, the caliph of 'Umar, the caliph of 'Uthmān and the caliph of 'Alī.

 $K\bar{u}f\bar{t}$: It refers to the 'Arabic style of type writing

Kufr : Unbelief, infidelity, blasphemy; also hubris.

Lit: word. An Arabic word is called as *lafadh*. In other

common language, lafadh is classified into three

namely noun, verb, and preposition.

Mafsadah : Lit: Harm or something harmful.

Majma' al-Fighi al-

Islāmī

: Islamic fiqh academy is an Academy for advanced study of Islam based in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. It was

created at the decision of the second summit of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC) 1974

and inaugurated in February 1981.

Magāṣid al-Sharī'ah : The purpose of sharī'ah which provides the guidance

in obtaining wealth by removing hardship (raf al-haraj) and preventing harm (daf al-harar) in the

economic sphere.

Maşlahah : Lit: Utility, benefit. Tech: Exigencies which

necessitate protection of faith, life, progeny, property and rationality. *Al-maṣlaḥaḥ is* the basic consideration

in the formulation of law in Islam. Those acts or omissions that cause harm to any of the above named five *maṣāliḥ* are known as *al-mafāsid* and enactment against them becomes obligatory in the Islamic state.

Maysir

Lit: Gambling. Tech: An agreement in which possession of a property is contingent upon the happening of an uncertain event. By implication it applies to those agreements in which there is a definite loss for one party and definite gain for the other without specifying which party will lose and which will gain.

Madhhab

: *Lit:* the way or path. Tech: it refers to Islamic thought of school such as Ḥanafīs, Malikīs, Shafī'īs and Ḥanbalīs

Mikyāl

: Measure of capacity or dry measure for grain

Mithqāl

: A weight for measuring commodities, equivalent to 4.5 grams

Mu'allaf

: The one who early embarrasses Islam and convert to Islamic religion.

Muʿāmalah

: *Lit*: Economic transaction. *Tech*: Lease of land or of fruit trees for money or for a share of the crop.

Mubāh

Permissible; an action for which people will neither be rewarded nor punished.

Mudārabah

: A form of business contract in which one party contributes capital and the other personal effort. The financier is known as *rabb al-māl* and the worker or entrepreneur as *muḍārib*. The proportionate share in profit is determined by mutual consent. But the loss is borne only by the owner of the capital, in which case the entrepreneur gets nothing for his labour.

Muḥammadiyyah

Lit: the Muslim who conduct the way of life of the prophet Muhammad. It refers to the name of Islamic organization in Indonesia which the 2nd largest followers. It is established since November 1912 initiated by Aḥmād Dahlān.

Mujtahidīn

: They are specialist on the deduction of the Islamic rules from four major sources: the Qur'ān, Hadīth, conscience of the community, and reasoning.

Niṣāb

: This refers to the minimum amount of property liable to zakāt payment

Qadī

a judge ruling in accordance with Islamic religious law (sharī ah), appointed by the ruler of a Muslim country. Qadīs traditionally have jurisdiction over all legal matters involving Muslims

Qard al-hasan

: *Lit:* A virtuous loan. *Tech:* A loan with the stipulation to return the principal sum in the future without any increase.

Qirāḍ

A measure of weight and length of varying sizes in different ages. A *qirāḍ* for measuring silver and

commodities is equivalent to 0.248g and for measuring gold, 0.2120 g. For measuring length, a qirād is

equivalent to 175 m.

*Qi*yās : Lit: analogy. Tech: Qiyās is the process of deductive

analogy in which the teachings of the Hadīth are compared and contrasted with those of the Qur'an, in order to apply a known injunction (nas) to a new

circumstance and create a new injunction.

The name of month in Islamic calendar. It is the 3rd Rabī' al-' awwal

month where the prophet Muhammad was born

Rihā This means interest. More specifically, it refers to any

pre-agreed excess paid or received over and above the

principal in a loan contract.

Ribā al-fadl This refers to interest in barter. This indicates the

excess charged in the exchange of commodities of the same kind (for instance, wheat for wheat, barley for barley, etc.). Barter transactions were common during Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him)'s time, and he did not restrict the application of Riba only to the credit transaction of cash, but to all

types of barter

Rihawi Goods which has been defined by sharī'ah that the

exchange to be equal for equal. e.g. Gold for gold; silver for silver, wheat for wheat, barley for barley, dates for dates and salt for salt. Payment is to be made

on equally on the spot.

Salaf Lit: the predecessor or early Muslim. Tech: the

> Muslims who life closed to the age of Prophet Muhammad. Traditionally it refers to the companions, the followers, the followers of the early followers. Approximately 400 years in the early of Islamic

emerging.

Salāh Lit: supplication. Tech: the practice of physical and

compulsory prayer in Islam as opposed to supplication.

It is one of the five pillars of Muslim

Sarf Sale of a monetary value for monetary value.

Exchange of currencies.

Sharī'ah Lit: The way. Tech: The way of Allah as shown by the

Qur'ān and the *sunnah* of the Prophet. It is generally

spoken to mean the Islamic law.

Siyāsah Shar'iyyah Lit: to train and to take care of, the meanings which

are very much there in statesmanship or statecraft.

Tech: Sharī'ah Oriented public policy.

Sulţān The king who regulate an Islamic state.

Sunnah taqrīriyyah It refers to the approval action of the prophet

Muhammad in conjunction to the action of companion who reported some case to him. Since he did not forbid

or just silent, it reflected to the permissibility.

Shirkah

: A contract between two or more persons who launch a business or financial enterprise with the purpose of making a profit.

Tābi 'ūn

The generation who lived after the companions of the prophet Muhammad. They included to the *salaf*, the golden age generation in emerging of Islam

Talāq

: *Lit:* divorce Tech: when a husband or a man initiated a divorce it is called *talāq*.

'Ulamā'

The plural of in contemporary usage by Muslims refers to the religious elite of scholars at the top of the sectarian hierarchy

Usul al-Figh

: *Lit:* Principles of <u>Islamic jurisprudence</u>. Tech: the study and critical analysis of the origins, sources, and principles upon which Islamic jurisprudence is based.

Waaf

: *Lit*: Detention. *Tech*: Appropriation or tying up of a property in perpetuity so that no proprietary rights can be exercised over the corpus but only over the usufruct. The *waqf* property can neither be sold nor inherited or donated to anyone.

Wazan

: *Lit*: measure. Tech: the measure of the thing.

Zakah

Lit: To purify. Tech: A tax that is levied on all persons having wealth above an exemption limit $(n\bar{\imath} s\bar{a}b)$ at a rate fixed by the *shari'ah* to purify wealth and souls from impure love. The object is to take away a part of the wealth of the well-to-do and to distribute it among the poor and the needy. It is levied on cash, cattle, agricultural produce, minerals, capital invested in industry and business, etc.

Zulm

Lit: wrongdoing, misuse of Tech: used interchangeably for <u>cruelty</u> or unjust acts of <u>exploitation</u>, oppression, and wrongdoing, whereby a person either deprives others of their rights or does not fulfill his obligations towards them.

TABLE OF TRANSLITERATION

CONSONENTS				
Arabic	English	Arabic	English	
۶	,	ض	Ď	
ب	В	ط	Ţ	
ت	T	ظ	Ż	
ث	Th	٤	C	
٤	J	غ	Gh	
۲	Ĥ	ف	F	
Ċ	Kh	ق	Q	
7	D	ك	K	
ذ	Dh	ن	L	
J	R	٩	M	
j	Z	ن	N	
س	S	و	W	
ش	Sh	٥	Н	
ص	Ş	ي	Y	

Vowels				
Short Vowels		Long Vo	wels	
Í	A	Ĭ	Ā	
ļ	I	إي	Ī	
Í	U	أو	Ū	

CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.1 BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY

The issue of the gold-*dinār* as an alternative monetary system to replace the fiat money system has been a very exciting debate over the last three decades. Rab, H. (2002), Meera, A. (2002, 2004, 2009, 2011), Sanusi, M. (2002), Halim, et al. (2002), Allais, M. (1993), Edawati, S. (2013), and Choudhury, M. (1998a) postulated that the current system has destroyed human prosperity and wealth via an increase of price levels and an abundance of illegal monopoly.

The current fiat monetisation system was adopted after the Bretton Woods collapse in 1971. Prior to this, the gold *dinār* was implemented for 13 centuries and ended with the collapse of the Ottoman Caliph in 1924. During this period, there was a just and harmonious monetary system (Vadillo, U., 2008; Edawati, S., 2013; Triono, D. 2011; Hassan, M. and Coudhury, M., 2002). In addition, Bordo, M. (1993) stressed that the gold monetary system was much more stable compared to the fiat money system, which is based on interest and fractional reserve banking. Meera, A. (2009; 2010; 2011; 2012) postulated that the fiat system amplifies the economic distress cycle, triggering an unjust and unstable economy ultimately contributing to global economic crises (Edawati, S., 2012b).

Krugman, P. (1999) stated that the world has experienced three global generations of crises. The First Generation Model (FGM) was caused by the attack of speculators on the exchange rate in Latin America in 1970 and 1980. The Second Generation Model (SGM) was famous for the European Exchange Rate Mechanism (ERM) in 1992. The crisis was due to an interest war between countries. The Third