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# ANTI-COVID HADITH: *MAQĀŞIDĪ* ANALYSIS ON THE PROPHET'S GUARANTEE ON MEDINA'S STERILITY FROM *ŢĀʿŪN*

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## Abstract

The insignificance of modern reality to the Prophet Muhammad [*pbuh*]'s statements and policies determines hadith misperception. This research examines the Prophet Muhammad [*pbuh*]'s assurance that Madinah was sterile from the  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  as a pandemic, even though Madinah was also infected with Covid-19. This study used a qualitative design utilizing library data based on *al-Kutub al-Tis* '*ah*. The *takhrij al-hadīs* technique was used to track down the data that analyzed using an integrative technique developed by Ma ' $\bar{a}n\bar{i}$  al-Had $\bar{i}s$  and  $Maq\bar{a}sid$  al-Syar $\bar{i}$  'ah. The findings revealed that the Prophet's declaration about Madinah's sterility due to the disease was part of his strategy for preserving the socio-political stability of Muslims who were pioneering a new civilization. *Hifz al-daulah* is a notion in *Maqāsid al-Syar\bar{i}* 'ah, it must be taken into consideration when attempting to determine the *maqāsid* of each message and the Prophet. It can dispel the perception that the Prophet Muhammad's hadith is irrelevant to the reality of modern life.

Keywords: Covid-19; Ma'ānī al-Ḥadīs; Madinah; Maqāsid al-Syarī'ah; Misperception; Pandemic

# ملخص

إن عدم أهمية الواقع الحديث لأقوال الرسول صلى الله عليه وسلم وسياساته يحفز على سوء فهم الحديث. يفحص هذا البحث تأكيد النبي أن المدينة المنورة كانت عقيمة منذ ظهورها على أنها جائحة، على الرغم من إصابة المدينة المنورة أيضًا بـ 19-Covid. استخدمت هذه الدراسة تصميمًا نوعيًا باستخدام بيانات المكتبة بناءً على الكتب التسعة. تستخدم تقنية تخريج الحديث لتعقب البيانات ثم تحليلها بتكاملية طورها علم معاني الحديث ومقاصد الشريعة. وكشفت النتائج أن إعلان الرسول صلى الله عليه وسلم عن عقم المدينة المنورة بسبب

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المرض هو جزء من استراتيجيته للحفاظ على الاستقرار الاجتماعي والسياسي للمسلمين الذين يقودون حضارة جديدة. حفظ الدولة كمقاصد الشريعة الذي يجب أن يؤخذ في الاعتبار عند محاولة تحديد مقاصد كل رسالة النبي. يمكن أن تبدد الفكرة القائلة بأن أحاديث النبي لا علاقة له بواقع الحياة الحديثة. الكلمات المفتاحية: 19-Covid، معاني الحديث، مقاصد الشريعة، سوء الفهم، حائحة

# Abstrak

Misresepsi terhadap pernyataan dan kebijakan Rasulullah saw. salah satunya dilatari oleh realitas kontemporer yang berbeda atau tidak relevan dengannya. Kajian ini bertujuan untuk meninjau ulang pernyataan Nabi suci Muhammad saw yang menjamin Madinah steril dari wabah tā'ūn yang secara faktual justru menunjukkan bahwa Madinah turut terinfeksi oleh Covid-19. Kajian ini menggunakan desain kualitatif dengan data kepustakaan yang berbasis pada al-Kutub al-Tis'ah. Data ditelusuri melalui takhrij al-hadis kemudian dianalisis dengan menggunakan pendekatan integratif antara Ilmu Ma'ānī al-Hadīs dan Maqāsid al-Syarī'ah digunakan sebagai analisis data. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa pernyataan Rasulullah saw. tentang sterilnya wabah adalah bagian dari strategi beliau dalam Madinah dari mempertahankan stabilitas sosial politik umat Islam yang sedang merintis peradaban baru. Hifz al-ijtimā'ī merupakan konsep dalam Magāsid al-Syarī 'ah yang perlu menjadi perhatian penting dalam upaya mengidentifikasi maqāşid dari setiap pesan dan Rasulullah saw. yang dapat menegasikan kesan irelevansi hadis Rasulullah saw. dengan realitas kehidupan kontemporer.

Kata Kunci: Covid-19; Ma'ānī al-Hadīs; Madinah; Maqāsid al-Syarī'ah; Misresepsi; pandemic

# A. Introduction

The Covid-19 pandemic not only puts human life in jeopardy, but it also puts the Prophet's hadith in jeopardy in Islamic civilization. According to some hadith books, the Prophet Muhammad [*pbuh*] once promised that the  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  epidemic would not harm the city of Medina. Still, the reality indicates that Medina is among the towns verified by the Covid-19 pandemic.<sup>1</sup> It generates the issues regarding the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Al-ahmadey Ziab, 'Laboratory Findings from 100 Patients with COVID-19 Pneumonia in Madinah, Saudi Arabia', *Microbiology Research Journal International*, 30.8 (2020), 94–103;

Prophet's assertion, which is irrelevant and even contradictory to reality. The substance of the hadith is considered untrue and can be classified as a hadith  $da'\bar{t}f$  (weak/invalid) or even mau $d\bar{u}$  (false). However, it is not possible to arbutrarily claim that the content of the hadith is inconsistent with the facts, as the reader may misunderstanding the Prophet's remarks. Misconceptions of hadith are particularly possible if the comprehension of hadith is based on a textual-theological perspective. While the textual approach is necessary, it must be combined with other disciplines to comprehend the content and intent of the Prophet's hadiths, such as the contextual historical approach<sup>2</sup> and, in some cases, the scientific approach<sup>3</sup>. In the context of scientific integration, the maqāsid approach is a more complete understanding of the Prophet's statements that is thought to disclose their importance. The maqāsid approach is based on the idea that every expression of the Prophet has a specific purpose that is always relevant for the benefit of each area and time.

Previous researchers had mostly carried out  $maq\bar{a}sid\bar{a}$  studies of problematic hadith, but they tended to focus on traditions regarding gender<sup>4</sup> and terrorism<sup>5</sup>, thus studies of hadith about pandemics are still missing from the studies of researchers. While hadith studies on pandemics are still limited to three trends, namely, the first is the study that examines the existence of  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$ /plague from the Prophet's perspective and how to cope with and adapt to them.<sup>6</sup> Second, hadith research has been linked to

<sup>2</sup>Abdul Muiz Amir, Sahiron Syamsuddin, and Siswanto Masruri, "Dialectic Relationship Between The Qur'an and Hadith: The Interpretation of The Term 'As-Sā'ah' Using Critical Hermeneutic Analysis," *Jurnal Adabiyah* 21, no. 1 (2021): 57–81.

<sup>3</sup>Tasmin Tangngareng and Hasbullah, "A Prophetic Study on Eartquake," *Jurnal Adabiyah* 19, no. 2 (2019): 186–203.

<sup>4</sup>Muhamad Rofiq, 'Memahami Hadis Misoginis Perspektif Maqāṣid Syarī'ah: Studi Hadis Yang Menyamakan Antara Keledai, Anjing, dan Perempuan', *ESENSIA*, 16.1 (2015), 43–56.

<sup>5</sup>Faisal bin Ahmad Shah, 'The Misinterpretation of Hadith Texts by Extremist Groups to Justify Their Terrorist Acts: An Analysis', *AlBayan*, 16.2 (2018), 163–86.

<sup>6</sup>I. S. Irfan and others, 'Pandemic and Islamic Point of View Based on Hadith Plague', *Journal of Critical Reviews*, 7.8 (2020), 1017–20; Ahmad Solahuddin, Atiqoh Firdaus and Saifuddin Zuhri Qudsy, 'Şallû Fî Rihâlikum During Covid-19', *ULUL ALBAB Jurnal Studi Islam*, 21.2 (2020), 396–418; Zeeshan Qureshi, Ikramuddin Junejo and Ahsan ul Haq Shaikh, 'Covid-19 and Cure in The Light of Quran and Hadith : A Systemic Literature Review', *Al-Aijaz*, 1200.1 (2021), 1–12; Norhasnira Ibrahim and Fathima Begum Syed Mohideen, 'Pencegahan Penyakit Covid-19 Melalui "Amalan Mencuci Tangan" Daripada Perspektif Hadith', *Ulum Islamiyyah*, 33.1 (2021), 99–118.

Abdulhalem A. Jan and others, 'Relationship between COVID-19 Infection and ABO Blood Groups Differences: A Tertiary Centre Experience in Al-Madinah, Saudi Arabia', *American Journal of Biomedical Research*, 9.2 (2021), 36–42; Hani M.J. Khojah, 'Community Pharmacy Services and Preparedness during COVID-19 Outbreak in Madinah, Saudi Arabia', *Saudi Pharmaceutical Journal*, 28.11 (2020), 1402–7; Bandar A Suliman, 'Dynamics of COVID-19 Lockdown on Blood Indices and Its Impact on Individuals' Immunological Health Status: A Cohort Study in Madinah, Saudi Arabia', *Journal of Blood Medicine*, Volume 12 (2021), 395–402.

the prediction of the pandemic's end.<sup>7</sup> Third, study how the hadith regarding the pandemic was received and/or how the people reacted to it.<sup>8</sup> Based on the three trends above, the prior study did not include the *maqāşid* approach, which created an issue in responding to the Prophet's statement on the epidemic. This study thoroughly examines the hadith of the Prophet's guarantee of Medina's sterility from the epidemic, employing a complete comprehension technique previously not used by researchers. The *Ma'ānī* and *Maqāşid* approaches are thought to be capable of revealing the important part of the Prophet's utterance, which is generally in harmony and applicable to reality throughout human life.

This study aims to answer three questions in order to achieve the aforementioned goals: (a) what does the sterile hadith of Medina from  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  mean in traditional *syarh* hadith literature? (b) what does  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  hadith in Medina mean in the *Ma* ' $\bar{a}ni$  *al-Hadīs* approach? and (c) in the modern world, what is the importance of Medina's sterile hadith from  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$ ? However, the foundation of this work is two arguments (hypotheses). First, the linguistic meaning of the sterile hadith of Medina from  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  is restricted; second, the Prophet's hadith has no contribution significantly to people's lives because it lacks relevance to present dynamics.

# B. Method

This study employed a qualitative research design in conjunction with library data. This study focused on a hadith that explicitly stated the assurance of Allah's Messenger. The plague of  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  rendered the city of Medina sterile, as Rasulullah stated on hadith:

Meaning

"Narrated Abu Huraira: Allah's Messenger ( $\cong$ ) said, "There are angels guarding the entrances (or roads) of Medina, neither plague nor Ad-Dajjal will be able to enter it."<sup>10</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>Muhamad Rozaimi Ramle and Mohd Yusof Mohamad, 'Analysis Hadith Al-<u>T</u>urāyya dan Kaitannya dengan COVID-19', *Al-Bayan: Journal of Qur'an and Hadith Studies*, 18.2 (2020), 178–200.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>Saifuddin Zuhri Qudsy, Muhammad Rosyid Awwabin and Ahmad Sholahuddin, 'Temboro Tablighi Jamaat's Reception to Hadith on Covid-19', *DINIKA : Academic Journal of Islamic Studies*, 5.2 (2020), 191–211.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>Al-Bukhārī, Vol. 2, 664.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup><u>https://sunnah.com/bukhari:1880</u>

The hadith was traced in *al-Kutub al-Tis* '*ah* as the primary data source. Hadith data was gathered either manually (using *al-Mu*'*jam al-Mufahras li Alfāz al-Ḥadīs*' tracking the words of hadith) or digitally (using the *al-Maktabah al-Syāmilah* application version 4.0 and *Jawāmi*' *al-Kalim* version 4.6). The results of the *takhrīj al-ḥadīs*' were then studied using the *Ma*'āni *al-ḥadīs*' approach, which employed textual, intertextual, and contextual interpretation techniques to determine the hadith's substantial meaning, which was then integrated with *Maqāsid al-Syarī*'ah.

# C. Hadith on Medina's Sterility from tā'ūn and Discourses Among Hadith Scholars

The hadith on Medina's sterility from  $t\bar{a}$   $\bar{u}n$  reported by Abū Hurairah was recorded in a <u>Sahī</u>h al-Bukhārī<sup>11</sup>, <u>Sahī</u>h Muslim<sup>12</sup>, Muwatta' Mālik<sup>13</sup>, and Musnad Ahmad<sup>14</sup>. It was a <u>sahī</u>h (valid) hadith narrated by al-Bukhārī and Muslim in their two authoritative books called al-Sahīhain.

Hadith scholars debated on the virtues of Medina, and this hadith was frequently mentioned. In comparison to other localities, Medina has its virtues: sterility from  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  and the Dajjal. Its exemption from  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  is exceptional because no other site in the world, not even Mecca, possesses the Prophet's confidence. Although there is a hadith concerning Mecca and Medina being liberated from the Dajjal and  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$ , the hadith is regarded da ' $\bar{i}f$ . The inclusion of the word  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  in the hadith is considered an additional  $sy\bar{a}\dot{z}^{15}$  as an addition to the sanad (chain of hadith transmitter), because the <u>sah</u> $\bar{n}h$  one is a guarantee of the liberation of the two holy places of Mecca and Medina from the Dajjal<sup>16</sup>, while  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  is a special guarantee for Medina.

Scholars have described the explanation of this hadith in various ways in various books of *syarh* hadith. Ibn Battāl (d. 449 H) believed that the deliverance of Medina from  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  is evidence of Allah's help, as stated in QS al-Ra'd: 11 that Allah

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup>Muhammad bin Ismā'īl Al-Bukhārī, *Ṣaḥīḥ Al-Bukhārī*, ed. by Mustafā Daib Al-Bigā, V (Bairut: Dār Ibn Kasīr, Dār al-Yamāmah, 1993), Vol. 2, h, 664; Vol. 6, p. 2609.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup>Muslim bin Al-Ḥajjāj, *Ṣaḥīh Muslim*, ed. by Muḥammad Fu'ād 'Abd Al-Bāqī (Kairo: Maṭba'ah 'Īsā al-Bābī al-Ḥalbī, 1995), Vol. 2, p. 1005.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup>Mālik bin Anas Al-Aşbahī, *Muwațța' Al-Imām Mālik*, ed. by Muhammad Fu'ād 'Abd Al-Bāqī (Libanon: Dār Ihyā al-Turas al-'Arabī, 1985), Vol. 2, p. 892.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup>Abu Abdillah Ahmad bin Muhammad Hanbal, *Musnad Ahmad*, ed. by Syuaib Al-Arnaut and Adil Mursyid (Kairo: Muassasah al-Risālah, 2001), Vol. 12, p. 174; Vol. 14, p. 462.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup>Abu Abdillah Ahmad bin Muhammad Hanbal, *Musnad Ahmad*, ed. by Syuaib Al-Arnaut and Adil Mursyid (Kairo: Muassasah al-Risālah, 2001), Vol. XVI, p. 184.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup>Muhammad bin Ismā'īl Al-Bukhārī, *Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī* (Dār Ṭūq al-Najāt, 1422), Vol. III, p. 22.

sent angels to defend His intended servant from all perils, enemies, and defamation. Ibn Bațțāl regarded  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  as slander or an immense danger that requires Allah's help to overcome<sup>17</sup>. Ibn Bațțāl went on to say that it was because of the Prophet's supplication. Medina and Mecca have unique characteristics that prevent them from being infected by  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  and infiltrating the Dajjal. Ibn Bațțāl cited a hadith narrated by Anas bin Malik, according to which the Dajjal will enter all areas except Mecca and Medina because angels guard all their borders and prepare to shake the site so that the disbelievers and hypocrites will flee<sup>18</sup>, leaving only the sincere believers in Medina to be influenced by the Dajjal.<sup>19</sup>

Ibn al-Qayyim (d. 751 H) believed that  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  was a disease that Allah can only cure. Ibn Qayyim contended that Allah guarantees every natural disease to cure, whereas *doctors do not even discover*  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  because it is caused by jinn. Then, practical healing is solely dependent on Allah's will. Furthermore, according to shari'a experts, human sin and immorality are a factor in the occurrence of  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$ .<sup>20</sup> Among the arguments used is a hadith narrated by Ibn Mājah from 'Umar bin al-Khattāb:

عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ عُمَرَ، قَالَ: أَقْبَلَ عَلَيْنَا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ، فَقَالَ: "يَا مَعْشَرَ الْمُهَاجِرِينَ خَمْسٌ إِذَا ابْتُلِيتُمْ بِهِنَّ، وَأَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ أَنْ تُدْرِكُوهُنَّ: لَمْ تَظْهَرِ الْفَاحِشَةُ فِي قَوْمٍ قَطُّ، حَتَّى يُعْلِنُوا بِهَا، إِلَّا فَشَا فِهِمُ الطَّاعُونُ، وَالْأَوْجَاعُ الَّتِي لَمْ تَكُنْ مَضَتْ فِي أَسْلَافِهِمُ الَّذِينَ مَضَوْا...<sup>11</sup>

# Meaning

"Abdullah bin 'Umar said: "The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) turned to us and said: 'O Muhajirun, there are five things with which you will be tested, and I seek refuge with Allah lest you live to see them: Immorality never appears among a people to such an extent that they commit it openly, but plagues and

<sup>20</sup>Ahmad bin 'Alī bin Hajar Al-'Asqalānī, *Bażl al-Mā 'ūn fī Fadl al-Ṭā 'ūn*, ed. by Ahmad 'Iṣām 'Abd al-Qādir Al-Kātib (Riyād: Dār al-'Āṣimah), p. 106.

<sup>21</sup>Muhammad bin Yazīd al-Quzwainī Ibn Mājah, *Sunan Ibn Mājah*, ed. 'Ābd al-Latīf Hirzullah Syu'aib al-Arnaūt, 'Ādil Mursyid, Muhammad Kāmil (Kairo: Dār al-Risālah al-'Ālamiyah, 2009).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Alī bin Khalf bin 'Abd al-Malik Ibn Battāl, *Syarḥ Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī Ibn Battāl*, Vol. IV (Riyād: Maktabah al-Rusyd, 2003), p. 550-551.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> 'Alī bin Khalf bin 'Abd al-Malik Ibn Battāl, Syarh Ṣahīh al-Bukhārī Ibn Battāl (Riyād: Maktabah al-Rusyd, 2003), Vol. IV, p. 550.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup>Ahmad bin 'Alī bin Hajar Al-'Asqalānī, *Fath al-Bārī Syarh Ṣahīh al-Bukhārī* (Bairut: Dār al-Ma'rifah, 1379), Vol. IV, p. 96.

diseases that were never known among the predecessors will spread among them...  $^{\rm 22}$ 

Ibn Hajar al-'Asqalānī (773-852 H) agreed with Ibn al-Qayyim that  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  is distinct from other diseases because it is caused by the stab/sting of the jinn. It is consistent with the medical theory that  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  is caused by toxic substances or blood flow contractions that cannot be detected by a doctor's diagnosis, so the presence of  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  can only be determined through revelation information (hadith).<sup>23</sup> With this argument, Ibn Hajar asserts that  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  and al-wab $\bar{a}$  are different, even though the two terms are frequently used interchangeably because they both have the same effect, namely causing a large number of deaths, even though they are caused by different things, where *the jinn does not cause al-wabā* as an epidemic.

Then, Ibn Hajar used this argument to justify the truth of this hadith with the hadith narrated by Aisyah, which appears to contradict the fact that Medina was a plague-prone area during the Prophet's time. The hadith narrated by 'Āisyah is one of the explanations for why Medina is not sterile from *al-wabā*, including the plague that occurred during the time of Umar bin al-Khaṭṭāb and killed many people, whereas  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  has never occurred since the Prophet's time until now.<sup>24</sup> This information was supported by al-Samhūdī (844-922 H), who narrated the statement of Abū al-Aswad that Medina was attacked by a deadly plague that killed many of its inhabitants, but the curse was not  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$ .<sup>25</sup> Ibn Hajar also used historical information to justify this hadith, which invalidates another hadith that Mecca is also sterile from  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$ . Ibn Hajar cited al-Nawawī's view that  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$ .<sup>26</sup> However, al-Zarqānī claimed that the  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  that befell Mecca is not the same as  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  Amwās or al-Jārif.<sup>27</sup>

Al-'Ainī (d. 855 H) also agreed with Ibn Hajar that  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  was caused by the stab of the infidel jinn, who happened to be unable to enter Medina, as well as non-believers among humans, proving that the Prophet's guarantee was correct that  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$ 

<sup>25</sup>Alī bin 'Abdillah bin Ahmad Al-Samhūdī, *Khulāşat al-Wafā bi Akhbār Dār al-Muṣṭafā* (Damaskus: Al-Maktabah al-'Ilmiyyah, 1972), p. 39.

<sup>26</sup>Al-'Asqalānī, Bażl al-Mā 'ūn fī Fadl al-Ṭā 'ūn, p. 208.

<sup>27</sup>Muhammad bin 'Abd al-Bāqī bin Yūsuf Al-Zarqānī, Syarh Al-Zarqānī 'ala Muwațța al-Imām Mālik, ed. by Ṭāhā 'Abd al-Raūf Sa'ad (Kairo: Maktabah al-Saqāfah al-Dīniyyah, 2003), Vol. IV, p. 366.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup>https://sunnah.com/ibnmajah/36

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup>Al-'Asqalānī, *Bażl al-Mā 'ūn fī Fadl al-Ṭā 'ūn*, p. 105.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup>Al-'Asqalānī, Bażl al-Mā 'ūn fī Fadl al-Ṭā 'ūn, p. 102-104.

could not infect the people of Medina<sup>28</sup> in the same way that the Dajjal could.<sup>29</sup> According to al-Suyūțī (849-911 H), *țā 'ūn* is an extraordinary disease that medical experts cannot cure<sup>30</sup>, so healing is expected through the Prophet's prayers and miracles, especially regarding Medina, which will be sterile until the Day of Resurrection.<sup>31</sup> Al-Qastalānī (d. 923 H) continued that the guarantee of Medina's sterility from *tā 'ūn* and the Dajjal with the guardianship of Angels so that its inhabitants feel at ease from the threat of various kinds of slander is to demonstrate its blessings.<sup>32</sup>

The ulama's understanding of the hadith appears to be theologically oriented because it provides a large portion of the main aspects of Medina with a dominant theological approach. Many scholars were concentrating on the mystery of  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$ 's disease and the fact that Medina is a holy city that will not be affected by mysterious and dangerous things like  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  and the Dajjal. It is the context for the dominant narrative of miracles, the Prophet's prayer, the stab of the jinn, and logic's and medical science's inability to overcome the plague of  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$ . The traditional scholarly approach to sharia had yet to address more critical issues. Aside from the historical facts that each ulama used until the time they explained the hadith, the classical ulama approach to understanding the hadith of  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$ , the Dajjal, and Medina is still very descriptive, with no critical and transformative review to get the message from the Prophet's hadith as a universal basis for updating hadith.

# D. Mysterious Diseases and Magical Protectors

The textual interpretation of this hadith was accomplished by examining the meaning of the hadith's key vocabulary. There are four keywords in the hadith about Medina's sterility from  $t\bar{a}$  ' $t\bar{u}n$ : anq $a\bar{b}$  al-Mad $\bar{n}ah$ , mal $\bar{a}ikat$ , dajj $a\bar{a}l$ , dan  $t\bar{a}$  ' $t\bar{u}n$ .

Anqāb is the plural of *naqab*, which means "road between the mountains". According to al-Ahfasy, *naqab* means entry point,<sup>33</sup> but it can also refer to a route,

<sup>30</sup>Jalāl al-Dīn Al-Suyūţī, *Tanwīr al-Hawālik Syarḥ Muwaţta Mālik* (Mesir: Al-Maktabah al-Tujjāriyyah al-Kubrā, 1969), Vol. II, p. 204.

<sup>31</sup>Jalāl al-Dīn Al-Suyūţī, *Al-Dībāj 'alā Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim*, ed. by Abū Isḥāq Al-Ḥuwainī (Saudi Arabiyah: Dār Ibn 'Affān li al-Nasyr wa al-Tauzī, 1996), Vol. III, p. 417.

<sup>32</sup>Ahmad bin Muhammad bin Abī Bakr Al-Qastalānī, *Irsyād al-Sārī li Syarh Ṣahīḥ al-Bukhārī* (Mesir: al-Matbaʿah al-Kubrā al-Amīriyyah, 1323), Vol. X, p. 425.

<sup>33</sup> Alī bin Khalf bin 'Abd al-Malik Ibn Battāl, Syarh Ṣahīh al-Bukhārī Ibn Battāl, Vol. IV (Riyād: Maktabah al-Rusyd, 2003), p. 550.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup>Maḥmūd bin Aḥmad bin Mūsā Al-'Ainī, 'Umdat al-Qārī Syarḥ Ṣaḥīḥ Al-Bukhārī (Bairut: Dār Iḥyā al-Turās al-'Arabī), Vol. XXI, p. 260.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup>Ahmad bin 'Alī bin Hajar Al-'Asqalānī, *Fath al-Bārī Syarh Ṣahīh al-Bukhārī* (Bairut: Dār al-Ma'rifah, 1379), Vol. X, p. 190.

trajectory, or entry access. In keeping with the use of the pronunciation in the verse فَنَقَّبُوا فِي الْبِلَاد i. Ibn Wahab defined anqāb al-Madīnah as the "entrance to Medina" or

"gateway". Abū al-Ma'ānī translated it as "mountain path". In general, there is no significant difference between scholars' views on *naqab* as a route or access to the city of Medina, which in this hadith uses the plural word to mean all access to the city of Medina. This is also confirmed by the phrase used in this hadith.

*Malāikat* is interpreted as *al-hāris* or guardian, which is specifically mentioned in several other hadiths as "*yahrusūna*". *Malāikat* are also *muwakkilūna*, the angels work by anticipating the arrival of the Dajjal and shaking the city so that people whose faith is fragile immediately leave Medina, and the Dajjal does not need to enter Medina again because what remains are believers whose faith cannot be shaken by the Dajjal.<sup>34</sup> *Malāikat*/angels, who are supernatural beings, are given the status of *muwakkilūna* because they are equivalent to  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  and the Dajjal, who are also supernatural beings.

 $T\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  is derived from the word ta 'ana-yat 'anu, which means stinging, stabbing, piercing, penetrating, spearing, and rushing ahead fast, among other things. The phrase  $tat\bar{a}$  'ana al-qaum signifies jabbing each other in the warfare.<sup>35</sup> The word al-ta 'n means "murder: or "death with a spear" in *Lisān al*-*Arab*. *Al*- $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$ , on the other hand, is defined as a broad sickness outbreak that destroys the atmosphere or air, creating psychological and bodily difficulties<sup>36</sup>. In *al*-*Mu* 'jam *al*-*Wasīt*, *al*- $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  is characterized as an epidemic sickness and thrombosis caused by bacteria that infect mice and spread fleas to other mice and humans.<sup>37</sup>

Several scholars, including al-Bājī (d. 474 H), al-Ţībī (d. 743 H), and al-'Ainī (d. 855 H), defined  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  as an epidemic disease or lethal plague that spreads through the air<sup>38</sup>, both in the short and long term<sup>39</sup>, albeit its severity varies<sup>40</sup>. On the other hand, scholars such as al-Karmānī (d. 786 H) and Ibn Sinā (d. 428 H) described  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$ 

<sup>36</sup>Muhammad bin Mukrim bin 'Alī Ibn Manẓūr, *Lisān al- 'Arab* (Bairut: Dār Ṣādir, 1414), Vol. XIII, p. 267.

<sup>37</sup>Ibrāhīm Mustafā and others, *Al-Mu'jam al-Wasīt* (Kairo: Dār al-Da'wah), Vol. II, p. 558.

<sup>38</sup>Sulaimān bin Khalaf bin Sa'ad Al-Bājī, *Al-Muntaqā Syarḥ al-Muwațța'* (Mesir: Maţba'ah al-Sa'ādah, 1332), Vol. 7, p. 198.

<sup>39</sup> Alī bin Muhammad al-Mulla al-Harawī Al-Qārī, *Mirqāt al-Mafātī* Al-Mafātī Al-Mafātī Al-Masābi Al-Masābi (Bairut: Dār al-Fikr, 2002), Vol. III, p. 1131.

<sup>40</sup>Sulaimān bin Khalaf bin Sa'ad Al-Bājī, *Al-Muntaqā Syarḥ al-Muwațța'* (Mesir: Maţba'ah al-Sa'ādah, 1332), Vol. 7, p. 198.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup>Abd al-Rauf Al-Munawi, *Faid al-Qadir Syarh al-Jami al-Sagir*, 2nd ed. (Beirut: Dar al-Ma`rifah, 1972), Vol. IV, p. 321.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup>Ahmad bin Fāris bin Zakariya, *Muʻjam Maqāyīs al-Lugah*, ed. by 'Abd al-Salām Muḥammad Hārūn (Bairut: Dār al-Fikr, 1979), Vol. 3, p. 412.

based on his physical symptoms, such as dark red lumps that appear around the armpits and lower part of the abdomen, causing the heart to pound and vomiting<sup>41</sup>, or lumps that appear on the wrists and in the folds of the skin, even on the hands, fingers, or anywhere else in the body Allah wills.  $T\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  is also known as a hazardous substance that develops a killer tumor when infected blood is used. It causes issues since it affects blood-filled limbs and even interrupts the heartbeat, producing nausea and vomiting.<sup>42</sup>

Safiy al-Raḥmān al-Mubārakfūrī (d. 1427 H) summarized the two tendencies in the scholars' explanations by identifying  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  as an extraordinarily virulent and deadly sickness disseminated by contaminated air, with organ destruction and blood flow with glandular discharge as symptoms. Severe inflammation around the armpits or other body folds causes nausea, vomiting, tingling, and rapid heartbeats, eventually leading to death.<sup>43</sup>

Meanwhile, Mar'ī bin Yūsuf al-Maqdisī (d. 1033 H) adapted earlier scholars' views and concluded that academics have differing opinions on whether  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  can be treated or not, which is a point of contention among health and sharia experts. Health specialists claimed that because  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  is caused by environmental harm, it is a natural condition that may be treated with medication prescribed by a doctor, even though it is deadly. On the other hand, Shari'a specialists disagreed with health experts since  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  is an interior ailment produced by the jinn, according to them. The argument was that while  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  is more common in attractive regions with pure air and water, the environment cannot be blamed for virus emergence.<sup>44</sup> Suppose polluted air was the cause of  $t\bar{a}$ ' $\bar{u}n$ . In that case, not only humans but also animals were infected, but the evidence showed that while many locations were exposed to  $t\bar{a}$ ' $\bar{u}n$ , only a few individuals were infected. Even animals are not infected at all.<sup>45</sup>

Despite the diversity of scholarly theories, historians had long agreed that  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  was a severe plague that spread quickly enough to be regarded an extraordinary event, similar to  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  amwās and  $j\bar{a}rif$ . The  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  amawās disease began in the neighborhood of 'Amawās or 'Imawās, which is located between Bait al-Maqdis and Ramallah. This disease originated under the reign of 'Umar ibn al-Khattab and spreaded throughout the Islamic world, killing an estimated 30 thousand people by the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup>Muḥammad bin Yūsuf Syams al-Dīn Al-Karmānī, *Al-Kawākib al-Darārī fī Syarḥ Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī* (Bairut: Dār Iḥyā al-Turās al-'Arabī, 1981), Vol. 21, p. 14.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup>Al-'Ainī, Vol. XXI, p. 269.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup>Şafiy al-Raḥmān Al-Mubārakfūrī, *Minnat al-Mun'im fī Syarḥ Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim* (Saudi Arabia: Dār al-Salām li al-Nasyr wa al-Tauzī', 1999), Vol. II, p. 358.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup>Mar'ī bin Yūsuf bin Abī Bakr Al-Maqdisī, *Mā Yaf'aluhu al-Ațibbā'u wa al-Dā'ūna bi Syarr al-Ţā'ūn* (Bairut: Dār al-Basā'ir al-Islāmiyah, 2000), p. 36-38.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup>Al-'Asqalānī, *Bażl al-Mā 'ūn fī Fadl al-Ṭā 'ūn*, p. 105.

year 18 H (also known as Ramadah) (after 9 months<sup>46</sup>, which killed 25,000 people), Abu 'Ubaidah and Mu'āż bin Jabal were two of the Prophet's companions.<sup>47</sup> In contrast to  $T\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  'Amawās,  $T\bar{a}$ ' $\bar{u}n$  al-Jārif was not attributed to a specific location, but rather to its character, or washing away, due to the magnitude of the killing impact. If  $T\bar{a}$ ' $\bar{u}n$  'Amawās occurred in the Syam area between 107 and 115 H, then  $T\bar{a}$ ' $\bar{u}n$  al-Jārif struck the Iraqi region between 65 and 65 H, killing many Basra civilians.

Professor Mūsā Syāhīn Lāsyīn explained Kalābāżī's statement that  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  has two options. First, because of consequences such as blood illnesses. Second, because of the jinn's stab.<sup>48</sup> Al-Imām al-Suyūtī, on the other hand, associates the term  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  with stupidity and senility as a type of incurable sickness.<sup>49</sup>

According to the scholars' explanations,  $t\bar{a}$  ( $\bar{u}n$ ) was classified as a strange disease labeled as a pandemic. The sickness, its symptoms, and even its source, however, are unknown. Because the five senses and technology were unable to diagnose the ailment, many scholars blame it on the jinn.

From the above, it can be deduced that  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  is not a specific sickness but rather a phrase used to describe a strange ailment that suddenly becomes epidemic and contagious, killing a large number of people in a short period.  $T\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  differs from conventional plague in that the cause is unpredictable and recognized in advance, making treatment challenging for medical facilities.

This hadith textually reveals that the Prophet ensures that Medina would be protected from the threat of two strange things that are exceedingly scary since they threaten the safety of the soul and faith, based on the meaning of some of the significant terms above. The symbols  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  and Dajjal represent threats to human security, including the danger of life, which has ramifications for the danger of religion. Both are 'supernatural' or strange entities that can pass humans unnoticed due to a lack of indicators and causes for their appearance. However, both are required, therefore the solution to the  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  and the Dajjal, in this case forming 'angel/malāikat' is preventive measures or full protection. The key to Medina's plague-free status is angels.  $T\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  stands for the most professional and successful defense. Angels are creatures of high morality, who are extremely professional and never careless, as stated in QS al-Taḥrīm/66: 6: that Angels  $l\bar{a}$  ya 'sūna Allāh wa yaf 'alūna mā yu'marūna (not in the least violate Allah and carry out all his orders).

<sup>48</sup>Mūsā Syāhīn Lāsyīn, Fath al-Mun'im Syarh Ṣahīh Muslim (Dār al-Masyrūq, 2002), Vol. VIII, p. 598.

<sup>49</sup>Al-Maqdisī, p. 37.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup>Muḥammad bin Saʿad Al-Bagdādī, *Al-Ṭabaqāt al-Kubrā*, ed. by Iḥsān ʿAbbās (Bairut: Dār Ṣādir, 1968), Vol. 3, p. 280.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> Muhammad bin Jarīr Al-Ṭabarī, *Tārīkh al-Rusul wa al-Mulūk*, II (Bairut: Dār al-Turās, 1387), Vol. 4, p. 101.

In modern situations, Angels' symbolism can be viewed as sophisticated detectors that are always on and cannot be infected by any virus. Angels can also be defined as people's attitudes and cultures that protect them from the virus's propagation. By concretizing the angel emblem, the prophetic principle of barring all access and possible propagation of viruses and other threats of disruption can be accomplished.

# E. Maximum Preventive Efforts and Protection of The Prophet

Intratextually, another hadith provides information that  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  is a strange phrase among the Prophet's companions. For example, Aisyah once inquired of the Prophet:

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: "لَا تَفْنَى أُمَّتِي إِلَّا بِالطَّعْنِ وَالطَّاعُونِ "قُلْتُ: يَا رَسُولَ اللهِ، هَذَا الطَّعْنُ قَدْ عَرَفْنَاهُ، فَمَا الطَّاعُونُ؟ قَالَ: "غُدَّةٌ كَغُدَّةِ الْبَعِيرِ، الْمُقِيمُ يَهَا كَالشَّهِيدِ، وَالْفَارُّ مِنْهَا كَالْفَارِّ مِنَ الزَّحْفِ"<sup>50</sup>

Meaning

"The Prophet stated, "My people will not be tested unless by slaying al $t\bar{a}$ ' $\bar{u}n$ ". Aisyah said, "O Messenger of Allah, the murder we already know about, what is the meaning of  $t\bar{a}$ ' $\bar{u}n$ ?". The Prophet remarked, "The goiter is like a camel's goiter, the one who stays suffers the ailment without moving like a martyr, and the one who leaves is like a fleeing from combat"

Al-Mullā al-Harawī al-Qārī (d. 1014 H) noted that the companions were unfamiliar with the phrase  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  since it is a foreign term, whereas ta 'n is an Arabic word that signifies spear thrust/sharp stuff.<sup>51</sup> As a result, the Prophet explained to his acquaintance that  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  is a disease that resembles a goiter or lump that emerges from the camel's body. The Prophet's analytical reasoning is proof that there is no factual case of  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  that the Prophet witnessed directly to his friends. This could indicate that the Prophet's understanding of  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  was based on revelation, which was pertinent to the Dajjal, whose knowledge was also based on revelation.

Even though the Prophet and the people of Medina never contracted  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$ , the Prophet nonetheless sent out many messages about it. The Prophet's transmission of hadiths regarding  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  was part of a health campaign in the form of the Prophet's

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup>Abu Abdillah Ahmad bin Muhammad Hanbal, *Musnad Ahmad*, ed. by Syuaib Al-Arnaut and Adil Mursyid (Kairo: Muassasah al-Risālah, 2001), Vol. LXII, p. 53. The editors claimed that the *sanad* is *jayyid* (good).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> Alī bin Muhammad al-Mulla al-Harawī Al-Qārī, *Syarḥ Musnad Abī Ḥanīfah*, ed. Ḥalīl Muḥy al-Dīn Al-Mais (Bairut: Dār al-Kutub al-'Ilmiyyah, 1987).

advice to his companions to take preventive action against  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  because of the high risks and adverse effects it creates.

Another strategy employed by the Prophet in his anti-  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  campaign was to portray  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  as one of the penalties meted out to a segment of Bani Israil or prior people<sup>52</sup> that could had occurred Muhammad's people in the future if their violations and immorality were repeated, as Prophet said:

The clause *lam yakun madat*  $f\bar{i}$  *aslāfihim* points out that  $t\bar{a}$  *`un* has different symptoms each time, even though the danger and effect are the same, namely many deaths.

The words of the Prophet above appear to contradict other sayings that  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  is a mercy and a martyrdom for the believer.<sup>53</sup> However, the conditions for mercy and martyrdom are believers who believe in and accept  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  as a calamity and are confronted with patience.<sup>54</sup>

In addition to warning his companions, the Prophet took an early initiative to anticipate the outbreak of  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  in Medina by submitting a prayer as a 'negotiation' through Jibril to cancel the plague of  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  in Medina. According to one story, *Malāikat Jibril* once came to the Prophet and offered him two diseases, but the Prophet refused  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  to be sent down in Medina. The Prophet narrated Jibril's arrival, who presented two alternative diseases as a test to the people of Medina, namely *al-hummā* (fever) and  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$ . The Prophet has chosen *al-hummā* and sent  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  to be tested in Syam. The Prophet's reason was the effect of  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$ , which had a greater chance of taking lives than *al-hummā*, though in the end, he also prayed for *al-hummā* to be appointed from Medina to Juhfah because the disease also disrupted the Islamic troops who wanted to carry out jihad.<sup>55</sup> According to another narration, the Prophet asked Allah to move the plague of Medina from Mahīah to Juhfah.<sup>56</sup>

In addition, other narrations state that the Prophet prayed specifically for Medina's blessing, one of which was to avoid  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$ .<sup>57</sup> The Prophet's initiatives and policies bolstered the argument that the Prophet did everything to protect Medina from  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$ .

- <sup>54</sup>Al-Bukhārī, Vol. 3, p. 1281.
- <sup>55</sup> Al-'Ainī, Vol. XXI, p. 260.
- <sup>56</sup> Al-Ḥajjāj, Vol. 4, p. 118.
- <sup>57</sup> Hanbal, Vol. 14, p. 107.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup>Muslim bin Al-Ḥajjāj, *Ṣaḥīh Muslim* (Bairut: Dār Iḥyā al-Turās al-'Arabī), Vol. IV, p. 1737.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup>Al-Bukhārī, Vol. 3, p. 1041.

# F. Diseases and Threats to Socio-Economic Stability

This hadith, in particular, is not based on a specific case as *asbāb al-wurūd*, but instead becomes part of a more prominent theme concerning  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  and the Medina context. The context of Medina at the time of the Prophet was an area that was very vulnerable to disease outbreaks, especially at the start of the Prophet's hijrah/move from Makkah. The Prophet and the people of Medina, on the other hand, were never directly hit by  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$ .  $T\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$   $Sy\bar{r}rawaih$ , which occurred around the 6<sup>th</sup> year of Hijrah, happened during the Prophet's lifetime.  $T\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$   $Sy\bar{r}rawaih$  did not happen in the Hijaz region, but rather on the territory of the Sasanian Empire, one of Iran's Persian empires. It was known as  $T\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$   $Sy\bar{r}rawaih$  because it was responsible for the death of a Sasanian king named Syīrawaih at the time. Ibn Qutaibah did not consider  $T\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$   $Sy\bar{r}rawaih$  to be the first  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  in Islamic history was  $T\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  'Amawās, which occurred around 18 Hijrah during the reign of Caliph 'Umar bin al-Khatṭāb.<sup>58</sup> As a result, the Prophet and his companions were never directly infected by  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$ .<sup>59</sup>

However, the Arabian Peninsula was quite vulnerable to plagues at the time of the Prophet, as evidenced by another hadith:

Meaning

"Jabir b. 'Abdullah reported Allah's Messenger ( $\overset{\text{\tiny (2)}}{=}$ ) as saying: Cover the vessels and tie the waterskin, for there is a night in a year when pestilence descends, and it does not pass an uncovered vessel or an untied waterskin but some of that pestilence descending into it."  $^{61}$ 

This hadith shows that the plague struck Medina at the start of the Prophet's hijrah with his companions. Medina's situation at the time was dire, with cloudy water and an unsanitary environment.

The *Muhājirīn* who accompanied the Prophet on his migration were friends who worked as traders. They were less adaptable in Medina, which was an agricultural region. According to 'Umar bin al-Khaṭṭāb description, Medina was one

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup>Abū Muhammad bin 'Abdillah bin Muslim Ibn Qutaibah, *Al-Ma'Ārif*, ed. by Syarwat 'Ukāsyah (Kairo: Dār al-Kutub, 1960), p. 601.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>59</sup>Naşīr Bahjat Fāḍil, "Al-Ṭawā'īn Fī Ṣadr Al-Islām Wa Al-Khilāfah Al-Umawiyah (Dirāsah Fi Al-Maṣādir Al-'Arabiyah Al-Islāmiyah)," *Journal of Kirkuk University Humanity Studies* 6, no. 2 (2011): 97–113.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>60</sup>Al-Ḥajjāj, Vol. 6, p. 107.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>61</sup>https://sunnah.com/muslim:2014a

of the places with limited natural resources. The Muhajirin's companions faced financial and material constraints in such a situation, making them feel weak in their fight against the Prophet. Aside from financial conditions caused by difficulties in adjusting, many friends were afflicted with various diseases. In the companions' physical and psychological weakness, the Prophet provided great motivation by guaranteeing security and comfort from the disturbing creatures.

The virus threat and the Dajjal, which is directly related to death and faith, were two mysterious and frightening things that could have weakened the spirit of the Prophet's companions. Medina's status as a vital Islamic resource center, both human and natural resources, was plausible if Medina was claimed to have some virtues that should sustain the fighting spirit of the Prophet's companions.

The Prophet's assurance of Medina's sterility from  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$ , despite recognizing Medina as a plague-prone location, was 'neutralized' by his request that his companions be patient if plagued. Even if one of his companions died due to a plague, the Prophet promised them the reward of a martyr. The Prophet also explained that  $t\bar{a}$   $t\bar{u}n$  was mercy, which did not mean that the disease was a blessing, but that sincerely people who accept the disease would bring mercy. The statement of the Prophet's assurance of Medina's sterility from  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  was part of the Prophet's motivation so that the companions were given both physical and psychological strength to survive in Medina and continue the struggle to develop Islamic civilization. Although hadiths state that the same guarantee exists for the city of Mecca, these hadith were claimed to be *da'tf*, while those were only addressed to Medina. This demonstrated that the Prophet concentrated on his main goal of establishing Medina as the center of Islamic civilization. Medina was privileged because it was dār al-hijrah wa al-sunnah, where some Qur'anic verses descended, and it also housed the Prophet's chosen people. There is also the Prophet's grave, which is a paradise garden.<sup>62</sup>

# G. Maqāşid Hifz al-Ijtimā'ī on The Prophet's Health Insurance

As the foundation of Islamic civilization during the Prophet's time, Medina must had security and comfort guarantees to ensure Muslims' sociopolitical stability. In addition to the negative effects on the physical and mental,  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  has multidimensional effects because, in addition to causing death, it has implications for many aspects of human life, including economics, politics, culture, and religion. As a result, the Prophet's most stringent preventive policies and actions can be interpreted as part of his defense against Medina's stability.

The Prophet's statement about the guarantee of Medina's sterility from  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  indicated a special purpose to maintain the social stability that he was constructing with his companions. In this context, the Prophet's statement tends to be positioned as

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>62</sup>Al-Qurțubī, Vol. VIII, p. 249.

the head of government who seeks to maintain the integrity of his people so that disintegration does not occur while also providing inner peace to its citizens so that they are calm in carrying out their daily activities.

One of the main pillars of happiness is the serenity and comfort of life, which is also a determining factor in realizing a superior civilization. The most fundamental aspect of human life, religious teachings, cannot be carried out optimally if the community does not feel calm and comfortable. Meanwhile, physical health is an essential aspect of living a peaceful life. In this regard, Abū Hāmid al-Gazālī (450-505 H) claimed that religious teachings cannot be properly realized if the world's life order is disrupted. As a result, religious rules such as worship cannot be implemented without physical health and clothing, food, and security.<sup>63</sup>

In the *Maqāsid al-Syarī* 'ah concept, the guarantee of tranquillity and comfort is included in the *hifz al-amn al-ijtimā* 'ī framework, namely the guarantee of social security, which includes warranties for the benefit of the individual. In this case, *alamn al-sihhī*, or physical health insurance, is one of four factors for achieving *hifz alamn al-ijtimā* 'ī. *Al-amn al-nafsī aw al-rūhī* (soul), *al-amn al-makānī* (domicile/region), and *al-amn al-gažā* 'ī (food) are the other three factors.<sup>64</sup> These factors indicate that individual security encompasses all aspects of life, including physical, psychological, and spiritual well-being.

To ensure the loyalty of its citizens, a leader must provide health insurance to its citizens. Citizen loyalty is a critical factor in guaranteeing sociopolitical stability. Socio-political stability is crucial to the success of government and people's welfare, which is referred to as *hifz al-ummah* in *Maqāşid* terminology. *Hifz al-ummah* is classified in the *Maqāşid al-Qur'ān* classification proposed by *maqāşid* scholars Rasyīd Ridā mentions "*ikmāl nafs al-insāni min al-afrād wa al-jamā'āti wa al-aqwām*" and "*al-işlāḥ al-insānī al-ijtimā'ī al-siyāsī al-waṭanī bi al-wiḥdāt al-samān*"<sup>65</sup>, Ibn 'Āsyūr mentions "*siyāsat al-ummah*"<sup>66</sup>, and al-Qaradāwī mentions "*binā al-ummah al-syahīdah 'alā al-basyariyyah*" and "*al-da 'wah ilā 'ālam insānī* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>63</sup>Muḥammad bin Muḥammad Abū Ḥāmid Al-Gazālī, *Al-Iqtiṣād fi al-I'tiqād* (Bairut: Dār al-Kutub al-'Ilmiyyah, 2004), p. 128.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>64</sup>Usāmah al-Sayyid 'Abd Al-Samī', "Wasā'il Taḥqīq al-Amn al-Ijtimā'ī," in *Mu'tamar al-Amn al-Ijtimā'ī fi al-Taṣawwur al-Islāmī* (Yordania: Jāmi'ah Āl al-Bait, 2012), 1–47; Ketahanan pangan sebagai salah faktornya juga disebutkan dalam artikel: Meirison, "Al-Amn al-Gażā'ī fī Daui al-Qur'ān wa al-Sunnah," *Jurnal Ulunnuha* 6, no. 1 (2017): 48–62.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>65</sup>Rasyīd Ridā, Al-Wahy al-Muḥammadī; Subūt al-Nubuwwat bi al-Qur'ān wa Da'wat Syu'ūb al-Madaniyyah Ila al-Islām, (Cet. II; Bairut: Mu'assasah 'Izz al-Dīn, 1352), p. 193-348.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>66</sup>Muhammad al-Ṭāhir Ibn 'Āsyūr, *Al-Taḥrīr wa al-Tanwīr*, Vol. 1 (Tunisia: Dār al-Tūnīsiyyah li al-Nasyr, 1984), p. 40-41.

*muta* ' $\bar{a}wan$ ''<sup>67</sup> All classifications of the *Maqāṣid al-Qur*' $\bar{a}n$  revolve around the assertion that the Qur'an's orientation is to improve the collective welfare of human life in the socio-political aspect and even nationally.

# H. Conclusion

Classical academics describe  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$  as a mystery disease that can only be cured by something supernatural. The scholars' literal-normative approach to analyse the hadith concludes that Medina is truly free from plagues such  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$ . Therefore their attention is on maintaining the argument regarding Medina's primacy without indepth analysis of the *maqāşid* of the Prophet's promises in the hadith. The Prophet's statement does show Medina's assurance of two mysterious and deadly phenomena, one of which is  $t\bar{a}$   $t\bar{u}n$  that is identical to the pandemic. This symbolism is interpreted as a threat to human social stability. Intertextually, the phrase  $t\bar{a}$   $(\bar{u}n)$  is something that the Companions do not recognize, and it has never happened in the Prophet's community. As a result, the Prophet's words were seen as a campaign or early warning to his followers against  $t\bar{a}$  ' $\bar{u}n$ . The Prophet's Companions' attempt to construct civilization in Medina at the start of their *hijrah* was said to be weakened by the context of Medina at the time as a city plagued by various diseases. The Prophet's motivation in his remarks was to safeguard the stability of his community (hifz alijtimā'ī) through health insurance (al-amn al-sihhī). In today's world, every leader must make deliberate efforts to protect the community's socioeconomic and political stability through a variety of preventative and anticipatory measures against numerous potential dangers.

It turns out that the hadith's guarantee of Medina's sterility from the  $t\bar{a}$ ' $\bar{u}n$  epidemic cannot be accepted textually-normatively because it can bias the meaning and divert the hadith from its primary purpose. This research is unmistakably distinct from the findings and explanations of conventional hadith, which avoids the effort to determine the significance of the hadith. The application of an integrated method by  $Ma'\bar{a}n\bar{n}$  al-Had $\bar{i}s$  and  $Maq\bar{a}sid$  al-Syar $\bar{i}$ 'ah has allowed for a much more comprehensive understanding and identification of the significance of hadith to contemporary problems, while also confirming that hadith is always relevant to all times and spaces.

This research is limited to textual analysis, so the facts and public reception of the hadith have yet to be presented. Factual-reception research will undoubtedly provide a unique perspective because it examines dynamic and constantly changing objects in society, particularly Muslims.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>67</sup>Yūsuf Al-Qaradāwī, Kaifa Nata'āmal Ma'a al-Qur'ān al-Azīm, (Cet. III; Kairo: Dār al-Syurūq, 2000), p. 71.

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