Urgent Development on Contemporary Medical Fiqh in Malaysia

Noor Naemah Abdul Rahman1*
Mohd Anuar Ramli2
Shaikh Mohd Saifuddin Shaikh Mohd Salleh3
Mohammad Naqib Hamdan4

1*Prof Madya Datin, Pensyarah (PhD), jabatan fiqh and usul, Akademi Pengajian Islam, Universiti Malaya
2Pensyarah kanan (PhD), Jaba bath Fiqh & Usul, Akademi Pengajian Islam, Universiti Malaya
3Pakar Rujuk (PhD), Program Pengajian Islam & Sains Gunaan, Akademi Pengajian Islam, Universiti Malaya
4Research assistance, Jaba bath Fiqh & Usul, Akademi Pengajian Islam, Universiti Malaya

*Corresponding Author, Email: naemah@um.edu.my

Accepted Article: 20 August 2014
Published Article: 20 April 2015

Abstract

The contemporary scientific and technology development give impacts on the development of Islamic law. The dynamic of fiqh in handling issues especially on medicine become a momentum of the synergy of the two diciplines, science and the Islamic jurisprudence of medicine. Many medical issues are yet to require legal completions that are contemporary ijtihad based on perubatan discipline. On the other hand, ijtihad not only as exclusively unilateral, moreover inclusive multilateral approach (ijtihad jama’i) is needed on handling fiqh issues. It is because expert opinions also important in describing about those issues. Without those opinions, Islamic law scholar could not give appropriate legal decision. However, this study will explore about the importance of development of Fiqh of Medicine based on contemporary ijtihad. These studies will explain some contemporary Medicine issues, which is proof the requirement of contemporary ijtihad. For example on the issues of reproduktif organ donation. Some ijtihad instruments which are compatible will be aplicated based on the issues. Research findings about perubatan issues gave fact that there were not exact explanations on al-Qur’an and al-Sunnah also did not directly examined on fiqh book in the past. This condition cause contemporary ijtihad on those studies as an important study to give law answer about perubatan issues appear. Generally speaking, the current studies require the sinergized between the dynamic of Islamic law and the advance of science and technology.

Keywords: Contemporary ijtihad, Fiqh, Fiqh of medicine, Islamic jurisprudence, Reproductive organ donation

A. INTRODUCTION

Recent development in medicine recently has initiated a new variation issues which arehaving not been talked especially on Islamic fiqh discourse. The issues that raise such as body component’s removal, from human to human or from animal to human, brain numb, cloning, stem cell treatment, in virto fertilisation test, rented womb, changing jantina, plastic or cosmetic surgery, etc. Those issues describe clearly that medical practices have been developing rapidly.
Equal with this development, Islamic law need to move forward as guide especially for people who involve in perubatan dan generally for Islamic society. To achieve objective opinion, need a good cooperation which build based on collective mechanism and multilateral effort. This approach significance to get appropriate law or fatwa and fit with exact reality of science. Maklumat from expert is important for exact description to the ulama. Because, if they get wrong description, law implication which is produced will be mislead. Prophet SAW threaten to qadi who gave fatwa or certain law which is he does not know or does not have exact description about it. Prophet SAW utterance:

Translation: There are three kinds of Qadi: Two of them will be at the hell and one of them will be at the heaven. Man who gives punishment without right and he does not know (the right), so he will be at the hell. And qadi who (gives law on the condition) he does not then he leaves out human right, so he will be at the hell. And qadi who gives punishment with right, so he will be at heaven.

For example, there are some ulamas who has forbide television and photography in the beginning of appearance (Al-Qaradawi, 1996). Their hujah because it’s resembles Allah SWT creation. The truth, they were wrong on understanding the real photographic concept because camera and television it’s just a tool, no more than that (Mahmud, n.d.). If they understand this problem, there will be no fatwa like this will be release (Al-Qaradawi, 1996; Mahmud, n.d.).

Beside that, discourse between ulamas with input from expert on social science or natural science really important before determining certain fatwa. Collective ijtihad (ijtihad jama’i) is better from ijtihad unilaterally. Most of contemporary ulamas has accepted this multilateral approach and practiced on the release process of law. The result can be seen on the work of some law studies institutions. Such as, Majma’ al-Fiqh al-Islami (Jeddah and Mekkah), Majma’ al-Buhuth al-Islamiyah li al-Azhar al-Sharif (Egypt), Majma’ Fuqaha’ al-Shari’ah (USA), and Lajnah al-Da’imah (Uni Emirat Arab). Beside that, almost every Islamic country has their own fatwa institution, as like in Arabic countries or in South East Asia.

---

1 He is always well named as: [الحكم على شيء فرع عن نصه ]

2 Transmitted by al-Tirmidhi dalam Kitab al-Ahkam an Rasulullah saw, Bab Ma Ja’ a ‘an Rasulillah saw fi al-Qadi, no. Hadith 1322. Lihat: Sunan al-Tirmidhi (AL-Tirmidhi, 1996), 313. al-Albani said that the hadith issahih (valid)


4 The frequently hadith applied is : ( (( إن أشد الناس عذابها يوم القيامة المصورون )))

B. METHODS

This studies will explain some contemporary Medicine issuees which is proof the requirement of contemporary ijtihad. For example on the issues of reproduktif organ donation. Some ijtihad instruments which is compatible will be aplicated based on the issuees.

C. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Urgension development of fiqh perubatan semasa in Malaysia

There are some classic ulama on the decline era of fiqh (‘asr taqlid) whose tend to said that ijtihad has been closed (Al-Zuhayli, 1986; Zahrah, n.d.) and there is no mujtahid in every time (Al-Zarkashi, 1992). One of the reasons that they used is ulama after the top of fiqh era (‘asr dhahabiyyah), which is cannot raise the knowledge level as like ulama the founder of thought raise. In addition to, most of the issuees recently has been answered by them (Al-Qaradawi, 1996) or at least have similarities that can be made takyif al-fiqhi for new problem.

Actually, not all problems today have the answer on classic fiqh books. Dr. Yusuf al-Qaradawi said that today, more over after maklumat technology booming, really needed ijtihad process (Al-Qaradawi, 1996). He said, contemporary ijtihad that needed today can be divided by two; intiqa’i and insha’i (Al-Qaradawi, 1996). Ijtihad intiqa’i is a process of choosing one opinion from some ulama opinions that is exist on classic books by tarjih application (Al-Qaradawi, 1996). Ijtihad insha’i is a process of release new law for a certain problem that has not been talked by the ulama before (Al-Qaradawi, 1996). On the world of perubatan semasa, many new issuees has been appreared that has not been talked by ulama at past. It’s involves issue that relate with treatment technology, surgery, stem cel technology, dan other example. This rapid development of perubatan world push to the certain urgen interest to establish fiqh perubatan semasa in Malaysia. If the interest does not handled in the good way, the dynamic of Islamic fiqh will be strict and does not relevan anymore in terms of offering law solution especially for Islamic society in Malaysia. Developing this fiqh perubatan based on collaboration multilateral inklusifly between ulama with perubatan expert, not only domination for one side. It’s because, the ulama needs a deep undersanding about certain perubatan issue based on expert explanation before a law decision is decided. Failure to get input this perubatan cause a law, which is decided uneffe ctive and unappropriate. Nevertheless, it’s just based on eksclusive ulama opinion, which is iftirodi.

However, bilateral ijtihad as as mechanism of developing fiqh perubatan semasa in Malaysia need to considering these problmes for making law product effective and good (Al-Qaradawi, 1996):

1. Ijtihad must be establish with maksimum effort,
2. No ijtihad on qat’i problem,
3. Zanni problem can not change as qat’i or vice versa,
4. Combining between fiqh and hadits,
5. Do not be bent down by surrounding pressure,
6. Taking advantage from new discovery if its benefit,
7. Take a consideration of people interest.

---

Generally, *ijtihad jama’i* is multilateral has been practiced since Khulafa’ al-Rashidin era, more over at Khulafah Abu Bakr and ‘Umar bin Khattab (Shaltut, 2007). Narrated by Maymun bin Mahran if Abu Bakr al-Siddiq faced a certain problem, he would find the answer on al-Qur’an and al-Sunnah. If he could not find the answer on both of them, he would ask anybody who know the answer. If there were no one who knew the answer, so he would gather scientiests and discussed before make a decision. The same way also has been done by ’Umar al-Khattab⁶. It’s compatible with Allah SWT decree:

الأمر في وشاورهم

Translate: And deliberation on every problem (Ali Imran: 159).

On this verse’s explanation Imam al-Qurtubi said that ’Umar bin Khattab has made a khilafah inauguration matter by deliberation process (Al-Qurtubi, 2006). Imam al-Bukhari also said that the leaders after Nabi SAW passed away would discuss with the scientiests on certain problem and would take a simplest opinion (Al-’Asqalani, 2001; Al-Qurtubi, 2006)⁷. More over, Nabi SAW himself ordered shohabat discussed and deliberated if any problem appears. Shaykh Mahmud Shaltut considers this *ijtihad jama’i* as one of modern *ijma’*⁸, more over *ijma’* concept that told by classical ulama beside strict condition, as like difficult to reach it (Shaltut, 2007). So, the ulama can change one *ijma’* which is more suitable with problem caused by changing of era and place (Shaltut, 2007). He also adds that *ijtihad jama’i* will made by responsible institution must be free from any societal and political pressure (Al-Qaradawi, 1996; Shaltut, 2007). He also supported by Dr. Yusuf al-Qardawi (1996).

However, founding process fiqh perubatan semasa in Malaysia needs clear approach, so function and role can produce law product effectively and fit with interest at that moment and place. Usually, before certain decision or interest released, experts from perubatan will explore their studies to get description clearly. With that input, law problem will be simplifiest by the ulama. This effective cooperation can develop role of fiqh at Islamic society in Malaysia.

Contemporary Medical Issues: the donation of Reproductive organs

Discourse on the donation of reproductive organ has been debated in Malaysia. There is no specific fatwa (scholar’s decree) has been made on national level. But, for example developing of fiqh perubatan semasa in Malaysia, discussion of contemporary ulama about this issue can be a guideline. It is because there is fatwa or law decided by ulama without considering appropriate data caused unappropriate fatwa. Because of that, opinion and input from perubatan expert become starting point before deciding law by ulama.

Development of perubatan has created new inovation on treatment technology especially involves reproduktif organ. Naturally, human reproduktif organ divided on two kinds. First variation, which, does not consist of donatur genetic characteristic and the second one consist of donatur

---

⁶It is hadits that related to Maymun bin Mahran:

(كان أبو بكر نظر في كتاب الله، فأن وجد فيه ما يقضي بينهم قضي، وإن لم يكن في الكتاب وعلم من رسول الله (ص) في ذلك الأمر) سنة قاضي، فأن أعاه في سبيل المسلمين وقال: أتاني كذا وكذا، فهل علمت أن رسول الله (ص) قضي في ذلك بقضاء؟ فربما اجتمع الئيم الناس يتيكون في ذلك بقضاء؟ فقلت: قد علمت أن رسول الله (ص) قضي في ذلك بقضاء؟ فهل علمت أن رسول الله (ص) قضي في ذلك بقضاء؟ فقلت: قد علمت أن رسول الله (ص) قضي في ذلك بقضاء؟ فهل علمت أن رسول الله (ص) قضي في ذلك بقضاء؟ فقلت: قد علمت أن رسول الله (ص) قضي في ذلك بقضاء؟)

⁷More over, Nabi SAW was also supported by Dr. Yusuf al-Qardawy (Al-Qaradawi, 1996).

⁸He is supported by dr. Yusuf al-Qardawy (Al-Qaradawi, 1996).
genetic characteristic. First variation consist of vas deference, tuba fallopio, womb, penis and vagina. The second one is ovarium and testis.

There is three ulama’s opinion about moving organ first variation:

i. Donation only happen if in the urgen context, except zakar and faraj,
ii. All donation is forbidden,
iii. Only moving of tuba fallopi and vas deference is acceptable, except womb, zakar and faraj.

First opinion based on hujjah that it’s does not consist of genetic characteristic which is cause mixed descent. It’s acceptable because urgen situation based on:

الضرورات المحظورات

Translate: Every urgen situation causes urgen matter (AL-Suyuti, 1997).

However, it’s a fertility’s treatment which is acceptable on syara’. Exception for zakar and faraj even it’s does not consist of genetic characteristic because it’s supports forbidden sexual relationship (as like prostitution), and those components are forbidden to be seen if we use original law for genitals is forbidden (Marhaba, 2008). It’s most of ulama’s opinion such as Dr. Yusuf al-Qardawi9, Dr. Wahbah al-Zuhayli (2012), Dr. ‘Ali Jumu’ah (2009), Dr. ‘Ali Muhyi al-Din al-Qurrah Daghi (2008), Dr. ‘Ali Muhammad Yusuf al-Muhammad (2005), Dr. Khalid al-Jumayli (n.d.), Dr. Husayn Muhammad al-Mallah (2006), Dr. Muhammad Sayyid Tantawi, Dr. Muhammad Shibir, Dr. Muhammad Nu’aym Yasin and Dr. Faridah Zuzu, Dr. Muhammad al-Mukhtar al-Salami, Dr. Muhammad Salim bin ‘Abd al-Wadud, Dr. Muhammad ‘Abd al-Latif Salih al-Farfur, Dr. ‘Abd al-Salam al-Abbadi and Dr. Muhammad ‘Abd al-Ghaffar al-Sharif (Marhaba, 2008).

Second opinion based on some hujjah to say that law of reproductif organ donation is forbidden. Hujah describes that it’s a dangerous surgery(Marhaba, 2008), will be cause an eternal barrenness (Al-Aynayn, n.d.) and it’s similar with rented womb (‘Uthman, n.d.). It’s opinion of Dr. Hamdati Ma’al-Aynayn (Al-Aynayn, n.d.), Dr. Al-Siddiq Muhammad al-Amin al-Darir, Dr. ‘Abdullah bin Bayyah, Dr. ‘Ikrimah Sabri, Dr. Muhammad Ra’fat ‘Uthman (n.d.), Dr. ‘Abdullah bin Jabrayn, Dr. ‘Abd al-Mu’ti Bayumi and Dr. Wafa’ Ghanimi Muhammad Ghanimi (n.d.).

Third opinion acceptable moving of tuba fallopi and vas deference, and forbid moving of zakar, faraj and womb. It’s opinion of Dr. Ra’fat ‘Uthman. He gives a condition, donature tuba fallopi it’s acceptable if donates one or all tuba fallopies only after menopaus (‘Uthman, n.d.). For moving organ second variation, it’s can talk separately, that it is between moving testis and ovar. For testis moving, there are three ulama’s opinion about it (Al-Shanqiti, n.d.):

i. Testis moving is unacceptable
ii. Testis moving is acceptable
iii. Only acceptable moving one of the testis


10It is based on the revelation
Hujah for first opinion is it’s cause eternal barrenness, mixed descent because will bring donature genetic characteristic beside it’s not an urgen matter. It’s opinion of Dr. Muhammad al-Tayyib al-Najjar, Dr. ’Abd al-Jalil Shalabi, Syeikh Ahmad Hasan Muslim, Syeikh Muhammad Ahmad Jamal (Al-Shanqiti, n.d.), Dr. Wahbah al-Zuhayli (2012), Dr. Muhammad Rashid Raghib Qabbani (2009), and Dr. Khalid al-Jumayli (n.d.). It’s similar with decision of Majma’ al-Fiqh al-Islami (Al-Salus, 2008).

Hujah for second opinion it’s because testis only place for unites of sperm and they does not consider genetic as obstacles for testis movement. In fact, children who was born from twins couples can married each other eventhough their father have similar genetic. Nevertheles, after moving, it’s already belongs to donature and does not need to look for testis background. It’s the opinion of Shaykh Sayyid Sabiq (Al-Shanqiti, n.d.). Hujah on third opinion, they are comparing the necessities of one testis movement with the necessities of one loins movement. They also said, if movement of two testis ae acceptable, it will bring eternal barrenness if we compare with only movement of one testis (Al-Shanqiti, n.d.).

For ovari movement, there are two opinions. Generally, most of ulama forbid it because it will bring donature genetic characteristic by ovum cell from it’s ovari (‘Uthman, n.d.; Al-Jumayli, n.d.; Al-Salus, 2008; Al-Zuhayli, 2009; Ghamini, n.d.; Qabbani, 2009). If it’s acceptable, there will be mixed descent between donature and receiver. They also said, it can be washed or cleaned by perubatan expert and cause no genetic characteristic movement after ovari movement. It’s the opinion of Dr. ‘Umar Sulayman al-Ashqar (n.d.)

Based on that opinion, there are clear differentiations on ulama area shows collaboration interests as multilateral between ulama with perubatan expert for fiqh perubatan development semasa. The failure of good cooperation cause relevancy crisis Islamic law as solution that impressed for Islamic society, and authority and integrity of fatwa and law are debatable. It’s because of did not consider fact of perubatan semasa.

D. CONCLUSION

Development of fiqh perubatan semasa in Malaysia is an urgen matter. Every day appears new complicated issues. As comprehensif Syariah, Islam offers practical solution dan guideline for those advances.

Involvement of expert of perubatan on decision semasa law is really needed. Ulama misunderstanding on understands certain issues will produce unappropriate law interest. However, cooperation multilaterally between the ulama dan expert really important on development of perubatan semasa in Malaysia.

11 but there are some people clam that he was..... after being expalined by some docte that ovum in the overi is can be removed as it was there from the born. Look al-dwabit al-shar’iyah (Ghamini, n.d.).
References


