

## REVIEWER'S REPORT

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**Title: “: Application of Islamic Values in the Military: A Literature Review”**

### Recommendation:

Accept as it is .....  
 Accept after minor revision.....Yes.....  
 Accept after major revision .....  
 Do not accept (*Reasons below*) .....

| Rating         | Excel. | Good | Fair | Poor |
|----------------|--------|------|------|------|
| Originality    |        | Yes  |      |      |
| Techn. Quality |        | Yes  |      |      |
| Clarity        |        | Yes  |      |      |
| Significance   | Yes    |      |      |      |

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### Reviewer's Comment for Publication.

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This manuscript offers a timely and comprehensive exploration of Islamic values in military institutions, bridging classical jurisprudence with modern strategic applications. Its interdisciplinary approach and in-depth analysis provide valuable insights for scholars and policymakers seeking to integrate ethical frameworks within contemporary military systems.

## Detailed Reviewer's Report

This paper presents a well-structured and comprehensive literature review exploring the application of Islamic values within military institutions, particularly through historical and jurisprudential lenses. The study consolidates classical and contemporary Islamic perspectives, highlights key themes such as military leadership, ethics, training, jihad, and intelligence, and illustrates how Islamic military values have informed and can continue to influence modern military systems, particularly in the Malaysian context.

### Strengths

#### 1. Comprehensive Scope:

The review spans multiple dimensions—military jurisprudence (fiqh), history, leadership, intelligence, training, spiritual development, and defense industry—drawing on both primary Islamic sources (Qur'an, Hadith, Sirah) and scholarly interpretations.

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### 2. **Methodological Clarity:**

The paper adopts a qualitative, document-based approach appropriate for a literature review, demonstrating methodological consistency and depth in its synthesis of diverse scholarly opinions.

### 3. **Historical-Contemporary Linkages:**

It effectively bridges early Islamic military traditions (e.g., Prophet Muhammad's leadership, Khalid ibn al-Walid's campaigns) with modern practices in Malaysia, offering a valuable perspective for Muslim-majority countries.

### 4. **Multidisciplinary Insights:**

The paper integrates Islamic law, military theory, leadership psychology, and strategic defense analysis, thus enriching the academic discourse on Islamic studies and military science.

### 5. **Relevance and Originality:**

There is a clear academic and practical gap addressed here, particularly in Muslim-majority countries striving to reconcile modern defense systems with Islamic principles.

## Weaknesses

### 1. **Lack of Thematic Synthesis:**

While extensive, the literature is sometimes presented descriptively rather than analytically. The paper could benefit from synthesizing findings around core themes (e.g., ethics, leadership, strategy) more cohesively.

### 2. **Limited Comparative Framework:**

A comparison between Islamic military jurisprudence and secular/multinational military doctrines (e.g., NATO ethics codes or International Humanitarian Law) would enhance the global relevance of the work.

### 3. **Insufficient Critical Engagement:**

The study occasionally lacks a critical lens—especially when addressing sensitive themes like jihad. Greater emphasis on contesting interpretations, evolving doctrines, and contemporary geopolitical sensitivities would provide depth.

### 4. **Contextual Limitation:**

While Malaysia is a natural focal point, some findings and discussions are overly Malaysia-centric, potentially narrowing the broader applicability of the study's conclusions.

### 5. **Minor Language and Structural Issues:**

There are occasional grammatical inconsistencies, redundant phrases, and repetitive transitions that could be refined to enhance clarity and academic tone.

## Significance of the Study

This research is particularly significant for scholars in Islamic studies, military ethics, security policy, and strategic defense. By offering a faith-based framework for understanding military conduct, the paper contributes to the growing body of literature advocating ethical and values-driven military institutions. It also serves as a foundation for future empirical research, curriculum development for military academies, and comparative studies across religious and civil-military traditions.

## Recommendations for Improvement

### 1. **Include Thematic Framework or Model:**

Introduce a conceptual or thematic model summarizing the key Islamic military values (e.g., justice, discipline, courage, leadership) and how they relate to modern military systems.

### 2. **Enhance Comparative Perspectives:**

Briefly explore how Islamic principles align or contrast with international norms (e.g., Geneva Conventions, IHL), especially regarding treatment of non-combatants, prisoners, and ethics in warfare.

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3. **Include Policy Implications:**

A section outlining practical implications for policymakers, military trainers, and strategists would elevate the relevance of the study for real-world applications.

4. **Refine Language and Style:**

Conduct thorough proofreading to improve grammar, sentence flow, and reduce redundancy.

### Recommendation

**Recommended for Publication** (*Minor Revisions Required*)

The paper meets the criteria for academic rigor, relevance, and originality. It makes a meaningful contribution to both Islamic jurisprudence and military studies, and should be published following minor revisions to enhance analytical depth, clarity, and contextual breadth.