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LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 The Meanings of Jihad

Islam means peace. The word Islam is derived from the root word Salam meaning peace to every human, animals and nature. Islam is the religion of peace and harmony to the world. Islam once ruled Spain for 800 years and never recorded in history the use of sword to force the people of Spain to embrace Islam. But later then, Christians came to Spain and began Islamic cleansing. Muslims no longer can call for adzan to perform prayer in the mosques.

\[ \text{Let there be no compulsion in religion: Truth stands out clear from Error: whoever rejects evil and believes in Allah hath grasped the most trustworthy hand-hold, that never breaks. And Allah heareth and knoweth all things.} \]

\[ \text{19. Pennington Rosemary. 2008.} \text{ What is the meaning of Word Islam: Voices of Vision. School of Journalisme: Indiana State University.} \]

\[ \text{20. Al-Quran. Al- Baqarah 2 : 256} \]
O ye who believe! Shall I lead you to a bargain that will save you from a grievous Penalty? That ye believe in Allah and His Messenger, and that ye strive (your utmost) in the Cause of Allah, with your property and your persons: That will be best for you, if ye but knew! 21

(That she said), "O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)! We consider Jihad as the best deed. Should we not fight in Allah's Cause?" He said, "The best Jihad (for women) is Hajj-Mabrur (i.e. Hajj which is done according to the Prophet's tradition and is accepted by Allah)." 22 Narrated by 'Aisya

A man came to Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) and said, "Instruct me as to such a deed as equals Jihad (in reward)." He replied, "I do not find such a deed." Then he added, "Can you, while the Muslim fighter is in the battle-field, enter your mosque to perform prayers without cease and fast and never break your fast?" The man said, "But who can do that?" Abu Huraira added, "The Mujahid (i.e. Muslim fighter) is rewarded even for the footsteps of his horse while it wanders about (for grazing) tied in a long rope."

Narrated by Abu Huraira

Somebody asked, "O Allah's Messenger (الرسول محمد ﷺ)! Who is the best among the people?" Allah’s Messenger (الرسول محمد ﷺ) replied "A believer who strives his utmost in Allah's Cause with his life and property." They asked, "Who is next?" He replied, "A believer who stays in one of the mountain paths worshipping Allah and leaving the people secure from his mischief."\(^{24}\) Narrated by Abu Sa'id Al-Khudri.

In Quran, there are many definitions about Jihad.

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\text{وَجَهَّدُوا فِيَّ لِهِلَّ حَقَّ حِيَادَهُ، هُوَ أَجْتَهَّبُكُمْ وَمَا جَعَلَ عَلَيْكُمْ فِي الَّذِينَ مِنْ حَرَّمٍ مُّلَا.}
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\text{أَيُّكُمْ إِنْ تُهْرِمُونَ هُوَ سَمَّنَكُمْ أَلْمَسْلِمِينَ مِنْ قَبْلُ وَفِي هَذَا لَيُكُونُ الْرَّسُولُ سَهِيدًا عَلَيْكُمْ.}
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\text{وَتَكُونُوا سَهِيدًا عَلَى النّاسِ فَأُقِيمُوا الْصَّلَاةَ وَأَنْعَمُوا الرَّكَاةَ وَأَعْتَصِمُوا بِاللهٍ هُوَ مُؤْتِمُكُمْ.}
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\text{فَيَعْمَ الْمَوْلِيَّ وَيَعْمَ الْبَصِيرُ.}
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\text{And strive in His cause as ye ought to strive, (with sincerity and under discipline). He has chosen you, and has imposed no difficulties on you in religion; it is the cult of your father Abraham. It is He Who has named you Muslims, both before and in this (Revelation); that the Messenger may be a witness for you, and ye be witnesses for mankind! So establish regular Prayer, give regular Charity, and hold fast to Allah! He is your Protector - the Best to protect and the Best to help.}\(^{25}\)

\(^{24}\) Hadith Al Bukhariyy. Kitab Sahih Bukhariyy. Book 56. #5

And if any strive (with might and main), they do so for their own souls: for Allah is free of all needs from all creation. 26

Go ye forth, (whether equipped) lightly or heavily, and strive and struggle, with your goods and your persons, in the cause of Allah. That is best for you, if ye (but) knew. 27

Did ye think that ye would enter Heaven without Allah testing those of you who fought hard (In His Cause) and remained steadfast? 28

The conclusions from above narrated from Quran and Hadthih showed that Jihad is ordained to all Muslims. Jihad in form striving oneself against evil and from bad deeds and also to perform Hajj. But the utmost Jihad is to defend Islam when it is threatened its sovereignty. Anyway, the strive and struggle in the name of Islam is considered as Jihad. Jihad is not only by sword and strength but also in spiritual of every Muslims.

2.2 Findings of Previous Reading

Muslims and Non-Muslim scholars in Malaysia and throughout the world have done so many researches regarding the factors of joining radical groups and named them as militant groups and the latest in the name of Islam is Jihad. As IS is still very new to the world, the findings are made through journals, books, news and newspaper reports in the front line of war in Syria. Most of the journals and books were written during the war in Afghanistan against Russia, Al Qaeda during Osama Bin Laden, and also during the Maluku War - Jihad in Indonesia.

2.2.1 The factors of joining Jihad maybe different from other countries because of political environment factor, the situation that occurs in the country and because of economical factors.

In the journal by Hassan, Muhsin (2014)²⁹ it is stated that the youths who were involved in this radical group ages between 19 to 27 years old. They must be in the membership of minimum at 6 months before becoming a true member of Al-Shabab. There are ‘pushing and pulling’ factors of youths joining the group. The ‘pushing’ factors are from negative social influences, cultural and political. The author verified that poverty of the people influence them joining Al-Shahab. Most families consist of many members minimum of 6 staying under one roof with only basic facilities such as water and only electricity. They have the intention to change their lives by joining Al-Shabab.

²⁹ Muhsin,Hassan. 2014. Understanding Drivers of Violent Extremism: The Case of Shahab and Saudi Youths. University of Toronto,Canada
Illiteracy rate and unemployment rate among communities especially in rural areas are high. 55 percent of youths in rural areas in Somalia are unemployed. The economical marginalization between the rich and the poor are wide and also there exists discrimination between the rich and the poor among the communities.

Member of Al-Shabab are paid well and they are given a monthly allowance of USD50 to USD150 depending on the seniority in the group. All they need to do is to carry AK 47 and patrol the streets.

While the 'pulling' factors are the benefits that they gained in joining the group. Group members earned respect from elders and their families. The strong encouragement from the families sometimes influenced youths joining the group. The members of the group have strong bonds of brotherhood. The brothers and sisters in the group are very close and take care of each other. This sense of belongings and reputation building could not be found outside the group. Besides, prospects of fame and glory after each mission accomplished in Jihad are promised by the leader of the group.

In the thesis by Ardent, Michael and Greene, Donald (2014) explained that people joining radical group or Jihad in Iraq due to certain satisfactions that they might gain.

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The first is what is known as radical group satisfaction of psychological needs. The writers noted that the incentives tend to open the door to Jihad in Iraq. Joining Jihad earned monthly allowance and sometimes paid weekly. Many people whom are not educated in Iraq have slim chances to earn money for their basic needs such as for food, water and shelter for their families.

It is then followed by radical group satisfaction of safety needs. The radical group is focusing the plight of suffering Muslims. United States and other western countries are waging war against Muslim countries. Thus by joining Jihad, it is to safeguard the religion from enemies and also to protect brothers and sisters in Islam. They have been exposed to videos of series of bombings by US troops in Afghanistan, Pakistan which killed thousands of innocent people.

Radical group satisfaction of social needs is another factor that is recognized. Jihad group are joined by family members, peers and friends. The bond of friendship in the spirit of togetherness, brotherhood influences them to join Jihad group.

Finally the other factor is radical group of satisfaction of self-esteem and self-actualization needs. Many youths joining Jihad in Iraq wanted to earn honor and respect from others. Al-Qaeda offers martyrs to an individual who die in a mission.
2.2.2 In a research paper by Matt, John, US Army in an article (May 2011). He stated that the factors of popular and strong leadership in the movement attracted youths joining Jihad. The funding of boot camps, modern firearms and military training attracts youths to be different from their peers.

The author also noted that youths joining Al-Qaeda do not relate to economic profile. Some individuals came from poverty but many came from rich and secured family. Economic motivations were the least cited reason for joining Jihad. He also clarified that many joining Jihad not because of being knowledgeable Muslims. They usually have an inadequate understanding in religion which made them vulnerable to misconceptions of religious doctrines.

In general, he said the youths did not come from strong religious backgrounds. The role of the group’s recruiter is very important to influence people to join Al-Qaeda. The recruiter approach the youth and began to teach the doctrine of the group. He also said that, this radical group has developed and aggressively promoted Jihad ideas as a global brand. They have contaminated the minds of youths through media and internets. They have successfully put the Jihad group as an aspiration for youths to join them.

Propagandas through media with distinguish banners and slogans is also another factor youths joining Jihad. Maulana Iyandullah, a spokesman for Al-Qaeda once said ‘The Americans Love Pepsi, We Love Death’.

Lastly he noted that revenge is also one other factor youths joining Jihad. The negative perceptions of other Non-Muslim country like the United States towards Islam for example are the main strong reasons youth joining Jihad for Al-Qaeda. The United States is said to be a country which is oppressing Muslim countries with their Jewish doctrines; and these have driven many Muslim countries to poverty. As an act of revenge, the only way to teach lessons to their oppressors is to attack and wage war on US.

2.2.3 Meanwhile in a journal written by Aaron\textsuperscript{32} (2008); it is stated that motivational factors behind the rise of Jihad terrorism is as below:

Historical narrative in meaning of superiority in the Muslim world during the middle ages is one of the primary factors behind the rise of Jihad terrorism. For them, the perspective of true Jihad was more advanced to restore the caliphate of Islam. The Jihad by Salahuddin Al Ayyubi launching holy war against Christians to free Baitul Maqdis was the true greatest Jihad in Islam of modern world. Confronting the west meaning was to fight for former glory in Islam.

The socio cultural narrative in terms of defending Islamic cultural values is the second factor behind involvement in Jihad. These Jihadist take full advantages to point out evil things that have been introduced to the Muslim world; media, pornographic films, economics, food that influenced Muslims to leave their religion. Thus, becoming a Jihadist by joining Al-Qaeda is to defend the social cultural and also as a way of truly opposing against influential western

\footnote{Aaron, D. 2008. \textit{In Their own Words Voice of Jihad and Compilation and Commentary}. University of Toronto, Canada.}
values. The acts of opposing influential western values are considered as obligations to every Muslims.

The ideological factor is also considered a very strong factor as to the reasons people joining terrorism Jihad. The author quoted the ideology and the manifesto by the famous Syed Qutb, who fought for Islamic party *Ikhwanul Muslimin* in Egypt, 1952. In his manifesto, in his book *Milestone*, Syed Qutb clearly said the whole world now is at the state of ignorance and the true Muslims are at the state of weakness and under permanent attacks and in addition pressures from the infidels. Armed Jihad is necessary to reinstate the rule of Allah. As such, ideological interpreting Islam in Jihad of war has become one of the biggest motivational influences to join Jihad.

2.2.4 In another journal written by Davis Michae³³ (2002), He stated that there are 3 factors that Jihad is launched by a group named *Laskar Jihad* (Army of Jihad).

First factor is the President’s general election during Soeharto. The government’s party is said to have given the manifesto of ruling Indonesia in the secular way and not to uphold Islam as a priority. This manifesto is widely spread and soon a group named Laskar Jihad took advantage.

Secondly is the parliament itself consists majority of military officers in TNI (Tentera Nasional Indonesia). Civilians in Indonesia knew that if the country is ruled by military laws, meaning the country is governed strictly. Again Laskar Jihad took this advantage to attract people joining Jihad to topple the government and its interests.

Thirdly is the other political party which had been defeated in the general election. They found that the effective way of joining Laskar Jihad was to express their voices.

2.2.5 In the journal written by Oladayo T Nathaniel Awajobo34 (2014), it is known that there are several main factors that lead youths to join Boko Haram.

Ignorance of religious teaching and the inclination to violence make youths more vulnerable and susceptible to recruitment. The lack of deep knowledge of true religious teaching is partly related to three observable dangerous trends in the recent practice of the religion in Nigeria.

Unemployment and poverty make youths vulnerable to radicalization. Unemployment and poverty are socioeconomic challenges that are not only intricately interconnected but glaringly evident in Northern Nigeria.

The last factor youths joining Boko Haram is incentives given by the group in the form of US Dollars as their weekly allowances. This furthermore added the glory or the credit that is given to youths who die for Boko Haram as Jihadist.

2.2.6 In the journal written by Lewis, Gregory\textsuperscript{35} (1996) it is verified that there are three main factors that lead people to join Jihad. First is the misunderstanding of Jihad that is stated in the Quran. Jihad is by the means of using the sword to spread Islam. The religion has now conquered nearly two thirds of the world’s population and becoming the fastest spread religion in the world. Islam is now conquering Europe and the author said that this religion has to show its strength by swords.

The author also clearly said that fundamentalist Muslims have very important role in the recruitment of Jihad. The Jihad group Taliban led by Abdullah Mas’oud, the Jamaah Islamiyah, Indonesia led by Abu Bakar Bashir are the icons in Jihad group. Their victories and their principles influenced many youths joining Jihad.

The political response to the presence of western soldiers in Islamic countries also leads to Jihad. The invasion of Russian in Afghanistan is a spiritual factor that leads to Jihad. Russia is considered as infidels and joining Jihad and die meaning is to die as martyrs.

2.2.7 In the book by Azzam, Abdullah\textsuperscript{36} (2004) it is stated that Afghans joined Jihad in Afghanistan during the Russian invasion in 1979 due to many factors.

One of the factors was to uphold the religion of Allah in Afghanistan. The invasion of Russia in 1979 created a holy war or Jihad between Muslims and infidels. The Jihadist known as Mujahideen who had waged war against infidels is clearly stated in Quran.

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\textit{وَقَتِلُوهُمْ حَتَّى لاَ تَكُونُ فِتْنَةٌ وَيَكُونُ آلِ الدِّينِ لِلَّهِ فَإِنَّ إِخْرَاجًا أَقْلاَمًا عَدَوَانَ}

\textit{إِلَّا عَلَى الْظَّبَارِينَ}
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And fight them on until there is no more Tumult or oppression, and there prevail justice and faith in Allah; but if they cease, Let there be no hostility except to those who practise oppression.\textsuperscript{37}

He stated according to the verse, Addin (Islam) is only for Allah and should be guarded by every Muslims in this world from infidels.

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\textsuperscript{37} Al-Quran. Al-Baqarah 2:193
Jihad or war against infidels is a need and obligations for Muslims, while other Muslims are facing invasion from Non-Muslims, it is a sin for brothers and sisters in Islam busily enjoying their lives as farmers, traders, or merely sitting freely in their houses watching televisions. The destructions and the oppressions to the Islamic world now began in Afghanistan.

Jihadists are considered as saviours of Islam for the next generations. The graves and their deeds are lights that should be followed if love for Islam. It is the Sunnah from the Prophet himself sending Sahabah throughout the world to spread Islam. We would not have embraced Islam if not because of Jihad from Sahabah. Joining Jihad is Fard Ain and no longer Fard Kifayah for Muslims who want to die in the Cause of Allah.

2.2.8 In an exclusive interview by Naz Karim Farah\(^\text{38}\) (2014.) Salman quoted that hundreds of students in Yemen, Egypt and Iraq are on their way to join IS in Syria. They are ready mentally and physically to join their brothers and sisters from other countries to fight for IS.

The reasons joining IS are very simple and easily to be understood by every Muslims. Fighting and to die for the cause of Allah to fight Non-Muslims is the noblest way in Islam.

He will forgive you your sins, and admit you to Gardens beneath which Rivers flow, and to beautiful mansions in Gardens of Eternity: that is indeed the Supreme Achievement. 39

Second reason is it is only by joining IS which translates to the true meaning for Jihad. There is no where else in this world to fight infidels except only in Syria. It is an obligation for every Muslims to join IS and fights for Islam. The only way to uphold the caliphate of Islam is to fight against enemies of Islam.

2.2.9 Ayub Khan, Pitchay, 40 (2015.) stated that there are two strong reasons Malaysians join IS. Based on his unit in the Special Unit Encounter for Terrorism, it is found that Malaysians join IS because of the lack of basic knowledge in Islam, especially in the topic of Jihad. He took an example, a young girl aged 14 who was arrested on her way to join IS, the reason of joining IS according to the girl was to get married with a Jihadist. The young girl had the understanding by doing so it is an easy way to get to paradise.

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39. Al-Quran. As Saf 61: 12
The second reason is influences caused by media such as Youtubes, Whatsapp, and other reading materials published in internets. Free tickets and other interesting packages such as performing free Umra and promise of thousands of Ringgit as pocket money are also factors for youths joining Jihad. Ayub said, it takes just 30 minutes to make the decision to join IS and they are ready to board flights to Turkey via Syria.

2.2.10 Raghib Al Isfahani (2001) ‘Mafradat fi Gharibi Quran’ stated that most of the verses in Quran revealed more on peace than on war. The Jihad is only ordained for true defence of religion. He verified that Qital and Jihad should be defined wisely. Heaven entered by Muslims not solely fight in the name of Jihad with swords. Enter Jihad must be based only true fighting of defending Islam from infidels.

2.2.11 Jahshah (1434) ‘Ahkam Al Quran’ explained that true meaning of Jihad is based on verse 78 in chapter al-Haj.

The phrase under discipline, Jahshah said Jihad is under various diciplines such Jihad of knowledge, education, eradication of poor, Jihad of teaching and Jihad of economy.

2.2.12 In Fiqhu Jihad by Yusoff Al Qaradhawi (2013) narrated that Jihad is stated like in Quran as below:

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O ye who believe! Shall I lead you to a bargain that will save you from a grievous Penalty?—That ye believe in Allah and His Messenger, and that ye strive (your utmost) in the Cause of Allah, with your property and your persons: That will be best for you, if ye but knew! 

Qardhawi quoted that people joining Jihad is to fulfill their utmost responsibility as a good Muslim abd to get Jannah. But not in the way of swords and bullets because Allah clearly stated above the most priority in Jihad is property than your inner persons such as known as nafs. As Jihad and true Jihad is through properties in the name of Islam, willingness to contribution as sadaqah and zakah to built strong nation of Islam.

Like wise through nafs it is most difficult to encounter because it is unseen, to encounter a war with unseen enemy is most greatest strive. Even Yusoff A.S admitted that the role of nafs he hardly face it without Merciful of Allah.

44 Al-Quran. As Saf 61 : 10-11
"Nor do I absolve my own self (of blame): the (human) soul is certainly prone to evil, unless my Lord do bestow His Mercy: but surely my Lord is Oft-forgiving, Most Merciful.\(^{45}\)

2.2.13 In the book written by Anderson (2013)\(^{46}\) 'Jihad: Quran Definition Abu Bakar Al-Baghdadi and Theory of IS revealed that the factors people joining IS is to fulfill the utmost obligation in Islam, joining Jihad showing the strength of Islam to infidels. Abu Bakar (founder if IS) said that, if only the world knew the strength of Islam once most conquered world, than the Islam’s enemy wouldn’t dare to infiltrate. In simple word, the enemy’s propagandas, ideas and doctrines should now be stopped. Its time for Muslims to wake up and join Jihad. Replaced corrupt and non islamic caliphate to new regime in Islam and restore what is known as The True Caliphate of in Islam.

All Muslims claimed as true obedient to Allah should and must join IS for the sake of Allah and to achieved Jannah.

2.2.14 Saiki Ailani (2011)\(^{47}\) 'Interpretation of Jihad in IS' said that the principles of Jihad in IS is like Jihad during the Prophet. The war of Badr, Uhud and the Fathul Makkah is the same as IS is doing in Syria. The conquerance of Rom, Persia during Umar Al Khattab is what IS is doing in Iraq and Syria. Muslims all over the world must unite and form themselves as Jihadist in order to gain Heaven in the next world. He refered to the verse 78 in Capter al-Haj.

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\(^{45}\) Al-Quran. Yusuff 12:54.


2.2.15 Manirazzaman.M (2012)48 ‘Jihad and extremisme’. He said that people joining IS is to gain fame and to try new experiences especially in handling weapons such as AK 47 and grenades. These experiences are influenced by propagandas showed in youtubes, facebook and instagrmas.

2.2.16 Spencer, Roberts (2012) 49 ‘Stealth Jihad’. This book tells that Jihad founded by IS is a threat to the world. Even in the Quran narrated that peace is the main goal in Islam to attract non Muslims, but IS chose war and bombs to spread Islam. IS now spreading the most beautiful religion to religion of suicides and bombings. But still many people through the world choose death because lack of true meaning in Jihad.

2.2.17 Mckinney, Keith (2012).50 ‘The Truth About Muhammad: Founder Most Tolerant Religion’ The only true meaning of Jihad is striving in various parts of Jihad which narrated by Ibn Taimiyah it is; comprises of Jihad in Economics, Education, Nafs, Wealth. People joining Jihad must be in these factors but wrong conceptions about Jihad leads people joining IS.

He quoted Quran verse in Surah Hujurat :

إِنَّما أَلْمُؤْمِنُونَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ ثُمَّ لَمْ يَرَّنَوا وَجَنَّتَاهُمَا

بَأَمَوْلَيْهِمْ وَأَنفَسَهُمْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الصَّدِيقُونَ

48 Manirazzaman, M. 2012. jihad and Influenceto Extremisme. California States University.
Only those are Believers who have believed in Allah and His Messenger, and have never since doubted, but have striven with their belongings and their persons in the Cause of Allah: Such are the sincere ones.\(^{51}\) The misconceptions people joining Jihad he said refered to this verse 39 in chapter al- Anfal.

And he also said people joining Jihad as holy war against infidels based on this verse in Quran:

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\text{\textit{فإذا ألقىتم الذين كفروا فصرَّب أنفَق حتَّى إذا أختموه فشِّدرو أنفَق فإنما تَنَادُون}}
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\[\text{بَعْد} وَإِمَّا فِي ضَرَّةٍ حَتَّى تَنْضَعُ الْحَرَّبِ أُورَارُهَا ذَلِكَ وَلَوْ يُنَبِّئُنَّكَ بَعْضُكَمُ بِبَعْضٍ وَلَيْكَن}

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Therefore, when ye meet the Unbelievers (in fight), smite at their necks; At length, when ye have thoroughly subdued them, bind a bond firmly (on them): thereafter (is the time for) either generosity or ransom: Until the war lays down its burdens. Thus (are ye commanded): but if it had been Allah's Will, He could certainly have exacted retribution from them (Himself); but (He lets you fight) in order to test you, some with others. But those who are slain in the Way of Allah,- He will never let their deeds be lost.\(^{52}\)


\(^{52}\) Al-Quran. Muhammad, 47:4.
2.2.18 Mark, Rodenback (2005)\textsuperscript{53} 'The Truth About Jihad In Islam' verified that the only Jihad priority is Jihad that gives most benefits to man. Whenever people join IS, the most strong factor is misconception of meaning in Jihad. This is because Islam means Salaam, peace.

He stated that nobody likes bloodshed and Allah knows that man needs peace. He narrated the verse in Quran:

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'Fighting is prescribed for you, and ye dislike it. But it is possible that ye dislike a thing which is good for you, and that ye love a thing which is bad for you. But Allah knoweth, and ye know not.'\textsuperscript{54}
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2.2.19 A book by Donald Cook (2014)\textsuperscript{55} 'The Legacy of Jihad' showed that Muslims during Prophet became a legacy of winning major wars because raging war for the sake of Allah. Companions of Prophet joined war giving everything owned and leaving their houses and belongings to seek paradise. This is the main factor Sahabah joined war. He verified that during Prophet, companions joined Jihad in the name of Allah and obeys stated in Quran.

\textsuperscript{54} Al-Quran. Al Baqarah.2:216.
\textsuperscript{55} Cook, Donald. 2014. \textit{The Legacy of Jihad}. University of Californiia Press.
'O ye who believe! what is the matter with you, that, when ye are asked to go forth in the cause of Allah, ye cling heavily to the earth? Do ye prefer the life of this world to the Hereafter? But little is the comfort of this life, as compared with the Hereafter'.

2.2.20 Devaji, Feisal (2014) Landscapes of Jihad writes in his book the beatiness of the spirit of Sahabah upholding and spreading Islam through Jihad. Jihad had its own rules and specific laws to be obeyed and the Prophet himself never potrayed as murderer to infidels but only to forgive. The word Salaam itself showed that Islam is peace.

2.2.21 Abu Zakariya Ad Damsyiqi (2011) in 'The book of Jihad' that its true that Jihad is ordained to all Muslims, but still in self defence and not raging war and hatred among infidels. He quoted that war in Islam only permitted if they are challenged and threatened by enemy. This factor of to defend their religion from infidels attracted many companions of Prophet to join Jihad.

He quoted from Quran:

وَأَعِدُّوا لَهُمْ مَا أَسْتَطَعْتُمْ مِن قُوَّةٍ وَمِنَ الْخُلُقِ نُرِعُوبٍ بِهِ عَذَّبَ عَذَّبَ عَذَّبَّهُ اللَّهُ ۖ وَعَذَّبَهُمْ عَذَّبَهُمْ عَذَّبَ مَنْ أَعَادَتْهُمْ عَذَّبَهُمْ عَذَّبَهُمْ عَذَّبَهُمْ عَذَّبَهُمْ ۖ وَهُمْ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ ۖ سَبِيلُ اللَّهِ لَنْ يُوْفَ إِلَيْكُمْ ۖ وَأَنتُمْ لَا تُظَلَّلُمُونَ ۖ

Against them make ready your strength to the utmost of your power, including steeds of war, to strike terror into (the hearts of) the enemies, of Allah and your enemies, and others besides, whom ye may not know, but whom Allah doth know. Whatever ye shall spend in the cause of Allah, shall be repaid unto you, and ye shall not be treated unjustly.\(^59\)

He also based on this verse in Quran, reason Sahabah joined Jihad regardless their families, properties and their lives in cause of Islam.

\(^{59}\) Al-Quran Al Anfal 8:60.
Not equal are those believers who sit (at home) and receive no hurt, and those who strive and fight in the cause of Allah with their goods and their persons. Allah hath granted a grade higher to those who strive and fight with their goods and persons than to those who sit (at home). Unto all (in Faith) Hath Allah promised good: But those who strive and fight Hath He distinguished above those who sit (at home) by a special reward.\(^60\)

And also this verse to show their obedient to Allah:

\(^{60}\) Al-Quran An Nisa’ 4:95
لَاتُزْلِلُ الَّذِينَ سَكَتَا هُمْ عَلَيْهِ وَأَيْدَهُ، يَجْنُونَ لَمْ يُرُوهَا وَجَعَلَ سَكْلِمَةً الْمَيَّاتٍ

O ye who believe! what is the matter with you, that, when ye are asked to go forth in the cause of Allah, ye cling heavily to the earth? Do ye prefer the life of this world to the Hereafter? But little is the comfort of this life, as compared with the Hereafter. Unless ye go forth, He will punish you with a grievous penalty, and put others in your place; but Him ye would not harm in the least. For Allah hath power over all things. If ye help not (your leader), (it is no matter): for Allah did indeed help him, when the Unbelievers drove him out: he had no more than one companion; they two were in the cave, and he said to his companion, "Have no fear, for Allah is with us": then Allah sent down His peace upon him, and strengthened him with forces which ye saw not, and humbled to the depths the word of the Unbelievers. But the word of Allah is exalted to the heights: for Allah is Exalted in might, Wise.⁶¹

2.2.22 Haikal Khair (2009)⁶² in ‘Al Jihad Wal Qital Siyaasas Asha ‘riyah’ explained that Qital and Jihad is not the same; although both share the same meaning of killing. Jihad has its own conditions and rules stated by Prophet but Qital is doing killing and massacre without rules. In IS, there is Qital but not Jihad. The writer said that, vengeance and hatred among themselves to pull them in IS. When it gets more morale support by spreading ideas and doctrines throughout the world, IS become dominant claimed that Muslims should indulge themselves in Jihad.

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⁶¹ Al-Quran At-Taubah 9:38-40.
2.2.23 Reven Flinstone (2009)63 'The Origin of Holy War in Islam' clearly stated that all wars that Prophet attended are truly respectable war; a war that respects human kind to prisoners, nature and to enemy themselves. Prisoners of war being pardoned, no cutting of trees, churches were being treated fairly. This war show off respect that they joined holy war, before this war among qabilas full of hatred and vengeance.

He based on this Quranic verse:

'It is part of the Mercy of Allah that thou dost deal gently with them: Wert thou severe or harsh-hearted, they would have broken away from about thee: so pass over (Their faults), and ask for ((Allah)'s forgiveness for them; and consult them in affairs (of moment). Then, when thou hast Taken a decision put thy trust in Allah. For Allah loves those who put their trust (in Him'). 64

2.2.24 Akbar MJ (2010) 65 Jihad and The shades of Sword' explains that Islam spreads under shades of sword when the Islamic country of Madinah is built. The spread of Islam to Rome and other other Jazirah Arab begins. Sahabah joined the holy war to spread Islam with their swords.

64. Al-Quran. Al Imran:3:159.
'Will ye not fight people who violated their oaths, plotted to expel the Messenger, and took the aggressive by being the first (to assault) you? Do ye fear them? Nay, it is Allah Whom ye should more justly fear, if ye believe. 'Fight them, and Allah will punish them by your hands, cover them with shame, help you (to victory) over them, heal the breasts of Believers. 'And still the indignation of their hearts. For Allah will turn (in mercy) to whom He will; and Allah is All-Knowing, All-Wise'.


‘O Prophet! strive hard against the unbelievers and the Hypocrites, and be firm against them. Their abode is Hell,— an evil refuge indeed’.  

But Allah doth call to the Home of Peace: He doth guide whom He pleaseth to a way that is straight.

2.2.26 Az Zuhaili, Wahbah (1988)70 ‘Al Fiqhu Al Islam Wa ‘Adillatahu’ writes that even in war, Islam still upholding its principles; fairness to all its enemies. Companions of Prophet joined Jihad to uphold Islam as stated in verse 12 in chapter as-Saf.

2.2.27 An Naeem, Abdullah Ahmad (2010)71 ‘Upholding National Legality Against Islamic and American Jihad’ stated that radical group like IS, Boko Haram, Al Qaeda no longer respect sovereignty of other countries. The mass killing, bombings is the

69. Al-Quran Yunus 10:25.
only tool to to spread ideas and propagandas. The groups have so many followers because they have used the word Jihad in the name of Islam.

2.2.28 Boston, Andrew (2006)\textsuperscript{72} 'The Legacy of Jihad Islamic War and The Fate of None Muslim' wrote that Jihad during Prophet is the beginning of all Jihad till the age of caliphate Uthmaniah in Turkey. But than, time has changed when Jihad during modern days turned ugly and selfishness for power took place. Reasons that many people joining Jihad is to gain power to uphold someone for the group, claimed to be caliphate for new regime in Islam.

2.2.29 David Shakil Hadia (2007)\textsuperscript{73} 'The Jihad and its Time' wrote that the rise of certain groups such as Al Qaeda, IS, Jamaat al Islami and Taliban are due present circumstances that has changed the world politically. Leaders in such groups believed that its now the time for Jihad to change the old regime to new Islamic regime. Fighting in word of Jihad and Islam pulled people joining the group.

2.2.30 Donex, Reed M (2007)\textsuperscript{74} 'The Sources of Islamic Conception of War: Thousands Perspectives in Jihad' writes that the real Jihad needs to be observed and learned. Misconceptions of Jihad may cause people joining Jihad for the cause of terror and mass destructions. Perceptions Jihad by means of war is always misinterpreted by extremist groups.

\textsuperscript{73} Daniel, Shakil Hadia. 2007. The Jihad and Its Time. The University of Michigan.
\textsuperscript{74} Donex, Reed. 2007. The Sources of Islamic Conceptions of War: Thousands Perspectives of Jihad. The University of New York.
2.2.31 George, Fawaz (2006)\textsuperscript{75} 'The Far Enemy: Why Jihad Went Global' said that majority people joining Jihad because of various factors such as medias, hatred, misinterpretation of Quranic verse about Jihad and sermons by popular figures such as Abu Bakar Al Baghdadi, Abu Bakar Bashir, Ayatollah Jundullah.

2.3 Discussions and Comparisons the Findings of Previous Readings

2.3.1 Much has been written about factors people joining radical group such as Jihad. Every groups claimed that they are fighting to restore Islam and true caliphate of Islam. But the truth is whether the truth of defining Jihad is fully understood remain anonymous. The killings of brothers and sisters in Islam, self bombings and destructions in the country reflected bad impressions of the purity in Islam. Or maybe the name of Jihad is just merely a tool to achieve someones's selfishness.

Hassan, Muhsin (2014), \textit{Understanding Drivers of Violent Extremism; Case of Al Shabab and Saudi Youths} noted that the 'pulling' factor youths joining the group is to have the basic need such as water and electricity funded by the group. This factor influence youths to join Al Shabab. This factor is not relevant in Malaysian environment. Findings by Intelligence Unit Terrorism Counter Attack (E8) revealed that all individuals arrested by police have fix and stable income.

Some of them are government officers, students from stable income background and even housewives. Unemployment is not the factor influencing youths joining IS in Malaysia. Many people joining IS in Malaysia are well educated and some of them are students from universities. Until this writings, an engineer is found to join IS. Al Shabab is totally different from the situation in Malaysia of factors joining the group.

I do not quite agree with his opinion that one of the factors joining the radical group is to earn respect from elders and strong encouragement from families. In Malaysian situation the sense of belongings and reputation is not built when joining IS. Families regretted and cried when knew their children joined IS.

2.3.2 In a thesis by Ardent, Michael and Donald Greene (2014), *De Radicalization: You Can Check Out Anytime, But What Will Make You Leave* said that it is the plight of suffering Muslims in Syria that influenced these people to join Jihad. I agree that this is the factor that lead them joining IS.

The situation in Syria nowadays is that it is lead by President Bashar Assad who ruled the country with military law. The oppression on Sunni Muslims by Shi’ite had led to turmoil in the country. Killings, bombings by the government towards innocent people paved an opportunity for IS to restore peace in the country. The plight of brothers and sisters in Syria touched millions of heart and bring sympathies from all over the world and this influence people to join IS; with hope to restore Muslim caliphate.
2.3.3 In a research paper by Matt, John (2011) *Special Report Why Youth Join Al Qaeda*; it is stated that popular and strong leadership attracted youths joining Al Qaeda. Leaders like Osama bin Laden showed his capabilities in striving, fighting in the name of Jihad towards infidels. Same as IS, the strong and dynamic leadership in planning and recruiting by its leader, Abu Bakar Al Baghdadi is an icon to the Jihad world.

He also noted that propagandas through effective media such as banners, slogan like ‘American Love Pepsi, We Love Death’ initiated the spirit of hatred and fighting against infidels; especially towards United States. Other media such as videos, internets are effectively used to influence people joining Al Qaeda. I totally agree that today’s media such as Facebook, Whatsapp, and Instagram are the most effective ways to influence youths joining IS. It takes only half an hour to recruit a member in IS, Al Qaeda takes 6 months to influence potential members to join their group.

2.3.4 The journal written by Oladayo Nathinel Awajobo (2014) *Why Do Youth Join Boko Haram* said that the ignorance of religious teaching leads people to join the group. The meaning of true Jihad in Quran is less known by most of the people. This happens in Malaysia when topic of Jihad is taken lightly. The people are not widely exposed to the knowledge of jihad. Even in the normal *kuliyyah Maghrib*, topic of Jihad is seldom being highlighted. Sadly so, even in Friday sermons, it is not seriously mentioned.

2.3.5 In an interview by Naz, Karim Farah.2014,”*Why I Joined IS: Salman Rahim in Syria*” New Sunday Times 12 September; quoted that the noblest way to
die is joining IS and Jihad against Non-Muslims. Their sympathies to brothers and sisters in Syria led them to fight for IS.

There are still much to be done in Malaysia rather than fighting for other nation’s sovereignty. There are many poor people in Sabah and Sarawak who need their attention for Jihad in economy. Jihad against poverty in some places in most remote areas in Malaysia is needed. These people should know that their sacrifices towards building up the nation must be given priority too.

Salman Rahim is looking Jihad through a very narrow scope. Jihad with swords is not the only way to enter heaven, but good Muslims who perform Haj, Zakat, and Fasting during Ramadhan, Solah and many more good deeds of the heart such as softhearted, righteous to Allah also can enter paradise.

"O my son! establish regular prayer, enjoin what is just, and forbid what is wrong: and bear with patient constancy whatever betide thee; for this is firmness (of purpose) in (the conduct of) affairs".76

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76 Al-Quran, Luqman 31:17.
'O ye who believe! save yourselves and your families from a Fire whose fuel is Men and Stones, over which are (appointed) angels stern (and) severe, who flinch not (from executing) the Commands they receive from Allah, but do (precisely) what they are commanded.\(^7\)

In a book written by Daniele Shakil (2007) *The Jihad and Its Time* tells that people joining Jihad is to change old regime in caliphate of Islam to a new regime of true Islam. The situation Malaysians joining Jihad is not to change the regime but mostly influenced by medias and propagandas. Meanwhile in the book written by George Fawwaz (2006) stated that medias potraying

\(^7\) *Al-Quran At Tahrim.66:6.*