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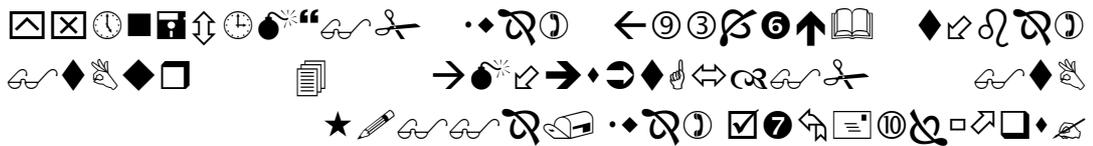
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**TRANSLITERATION
VOWEL LETTERS**

Ā	a long spelling
Ī	i long spelling
Ū	u long spelling

ARABIC LETTER	WRITTEN	SPELLING
ا	A	Alif
ب	B	Bâ'
ت	T	Tâ'
ث	Ts	Tsâ'
ج	J	Jîm
ح	H	Hâ'
خ	Kh	Khâ'
د	D	Dâl
ذ	Dz	Dzâl
ر	R	Râ'
ز	Z	Zai
س	S	Sîn

ش	Sy	Syîn
ص	Sh	Shâd
ض	Dh	Dhâd
ط	Th	Thâ'
ظ	Zh	Zhâ'
ع	'A	'ain
غ	Gh	Ghain
ف	F	Fâ'
ق	Q	Qâf
ك	K	Kâf
ل	L	Lâm
م	M	Mîm
ن	N	Nûn
و	W	Waw
هـ	H	Hâ'
ي	Y	Yâ'

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ABSTRACT

This paper is discuss about the interpretation of polygamy verses according to Musdah Mulia's interpretation. As we know that polygamy is one of never-ending discussion problem in marital issues. Besides contract marriage (*nikah muth'ah*), unwritten marriage (*nikah sir*), polygamy is also one of crucial issues. So the writer tried to describe according to Musdah Mulia's interpretation. As we kow, that Musdah Mulia is one of famous feminist in south-east of Asia, especially in Indonesia. She has some different opinion with other interpreter, such as in homosexual, interfaith marriage, wearing the veil and of course polygamy. In Quran, textually mentioned that polygamy is allowed with some requirements, but according to Musdah Mulia, polygamy is *haram lighairihi*. It means that polygamy could be forbidden because the causes and the impact. Most of her controversial opinion was written in the draft of Counter Legal Draft of the Compilation of Islamic Law (CLD-KHI). In that draft, there are some controversial opinion which

finally make this draft might not be published in society, because the content of this draft seems out of Islamic teaching.

Musdah Mulia has different argument in her conclusion. In her book, she mentioned some fact of polygamy and experience of the victim of it. From this reality, Musdah Mulia concludes that polygamy is only came an oppression and affliction in a family, either for the wives, husband or children. Besides that Musdah Mulia also have some basic argument, such as her definition of *tauhid* and the important of reinterpretation of religious teaching (*ijtihad*).

The main sources of this research are the book of Musdah Mulia, on the title “*Islam Menggugat Poligami*” and “*Poligami (budaya bisu yang merendahkan martabat perempuan)*”. In those books Musdah Mulia explain clearly her argument and reason in deciding that polygamy is *haram lighairihi*. Besides her argument, in the end of those books, Musdah Mulia also gives some solving problems and advice that should realize for reach the women empowerment and for realizing an equality society. For example, Musdah Mulia said that in polygamy the definition of justice determination is should be changed, and must be determined by the wives, because the wives is the most understand how should she being treated. Besides that, Musdah Mulia also said that the women should proposing a requirement before marriage that the husband will not marriage again, and for proposing this requirement, the women should have a high self quality, education, knowledge and experience.