Questioning the Distraction of Imam Shafi’i’s Absence in the Reports of Al-Bukhari and Muslim

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Abstract
This article is about Imam Al-Bukhari and Muslim who left the narrations of Imam Shafi’i. Something that is left behind cannot be separated from its cause and purpose. If a narration is left out of a hadith, there must be shadz and illat in the hadith or in the person who reported it. The formulation of the problem is whether Imam Shafi’i is unfair and has many shadz and illat. One of the objectives of this study is to reveal that Imam Shafi’i is one of the expert scholars in hadith. Imam Ahmad bin Hanbal stated that “if it were not for Shafi’i, then I would not know hadith”. This library research relies on library research materials, such as books, journals, encyclopedias, and magazines, as data sources to search and track these issues. The results of this research are, Imam Al-Bukhari and Muslim left the narration of Imam Shafi’i not because of illat or shadz, but to show praise and respect to Imam Syafii

Keywords: Historiography, Mustholah Hadith, History
Abstrak


Kata Kunci : Historiograri, Mustalah Hadis, Riwayat

Introduction

Imam Al-Bukhari and Imam Muslim were hadith scholars in the 2nd century of Hijri. At that time, there were many great scholars in various fields of science. These two great scholars, became the axis and reference in the study of hadith books of Sahih Al-Bukhari and Sahih Muslim. And both of them were strict about the conditions for accepting hadith. The Sahihain book is the most authentic book after the Qur’an.\(^1\) Because it collects authentic hadiths of the Prophet in sanad and matan. The original name of the book of Shahih al-Bukhari was al-Jami’ al-Sahih al-Musnad al-Mukhtasar min Umuri Rasulillah Sallallahu ‘alaihi wa sallam wa sunanihi wa ayamihi. The meaning of the book of hadith contained in this book, all sanadnya muttasil (continuous). Shahib Muslim is a title for the book al-Jami’al-Musnad al-Shahih al-Mukhtashar min Sunani Binaqli al-

\(^1\) Imam Jalaluddin Abu Fadl Abdurrahman Al-Suyuthi, Tadribu Al-Rawi Fi Syarh Al-Taqrib Al-Nawawi (Libanon : Darul Fikr), 199, Hal. 51.
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‘Adli an al-‘Adli ila Rasulillah Shallallahu ‘alaihi wa sallam.²

Sanad muttasil was taken by Imam Al-Bukhari and Muslims from the people of Adil, Tsiquoh, Dhabit, and Tsubut. Which mean Fair, trustworthy, strong memory must be owned by the narrator. That On the strength of his sanad in the hadith did take the narration of sanad from the path of Imam Shafi’i. Sanad Imam Shafi’i has a very high quality in the hadith takes the narration from Imam Malik of Nafi’ from Ibn Umar.³ The scholars called it Silsilatu Dzahab⁴ Imam Al-Bukhari called this sanad Ashahhu al-Asanid, with this, Imam Al-Bukhari and Muslim either took this sanad or left it. Some scholars mention one of them Imam al-Subki that Imam Al-Bukhari’s Madzhab is Shafi’i Madzhab in his book Thabaqat Shafi’iyah. And Muslim Imam Madhhab’s is the Hanbali Madhhab, some say Imam Shafì’i.

In fact, Imam Al-Bukhari and Imam Muslim did not take or leave any narration from Imam Syafi’i. Is Imam Shafi’i unfair? Is Imam Shafi’i not Tsiquoh? Is Imam Shafi’i not Dhabit and Tsubut according to two Hadith scholars? Looking at the scholars' views on Imam Shafi’i in the hadith. One of the founding scholars of the Hanbali Madhhab, Imam Ahmad bin Hanbal bin Hilal, referred to Imam Shafi’i as Imam Tsubut.

The response of Imam Al-Bukhari and Muslims did not take the narration of Imam Shafi’i which is of more concern and needs to be discussed. This discussion is very contrary to the opinion of Imam Al-Bukhari that there is no sanad that is the most sahih except Malik from Nafi’ of Ibn Umar. So why did Imam Al-Bukhari not mention Shafi’i from Malik from Nafi’ from Ibn Umar? Imam Al-Bukhari is one of the adherents of the Shafi’i madhhab, what is the foundation and background of Imam Al-Bukhari left

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² Aisyah Mat Jasin Zin, Siti Mursyidah, PHayilah Yama, Muhammad Aizat, Syimir Rozani, Nur Saadah Hamisan, “Kepelbagai Metode Sanad Dan Shajarat Al-Asanid Di Dalam Shahih Muslim [The Diversity of Sanad Methods and Shajarat Al-Asānīd in Sahih Muslim ]” 13, no. 24 (2022): 1–8.
³ Fakhruddin Ar-Razi, Manâqib Al-Imam as-Syâfi”i (Libanon: Darul Kotob al-Ilmiyah), 1986. Hal. 140.
⁴ Malik, Mawattha’ Bi Riwayati Yahya Bin Yahya Al-Laïṭi (Kairo: Darul Alamiyah), 1985. Hal. 27.
the narration of Imam Shafi’i? Imam Ahmad praised Imam Shafi’i for the knowledge of hadith, so why did Imam Muslim leave the narration of Imam Shafi’i? according to Hajj, the Khalifa mentions that Muslim Ibn al-hajjaj al-Qusyairi al-Naisaburi ash-Shafi’i, he belonged to the Shafi’i madhab. As for another expression of Imam Muslim, one of the followers of the Hanbali madhhab (Imam Ahmad bin Hanbal).

From various research reviews, there is a thesis in which Imam Shafi’i discusses that Imam Shafi’i has a Syaikh Imam Malik and has a student Imam Ahmad, his student Imam Ahmad is Imam Al-Bukhari and Muslim. Imam Shafi’i’s scientific sanad took the narration from the tsiqoh. The novelty of the study is to reveal what is the reason Imam Al-Bukhari and Muslim did not take the narration from Imam Muslim. The scholar who commented on the appropriateness of Imam Ahmad was Abu Zur’ah. Abu Zur’ah stated that Imam Ahmad was a man who memorized a million hadiths which he was able to dictate through his memorization and Abdullah bin Ahmad bin Hanbal said my father had written a million hadiths, unless he had memorized them. So Jumhur Ulama categorizes Imam Ahmad as Amir al-Mukminin fi al-Hadith. Even Imam Shafi’i stated that when I came out of Baghdad, I did not leave behind a more reliable, more obedient, a pious person other than Ahmad ibn Hanbal. The purpose of this study is to answer the problem that Imam Shafi’i is a hadith expert and also to answer the causes and the reasons of Imam Al-Bukhari and Muslim leave the narration of Imam Shafi’i. if these questions are not examined, it will be assumed that Imam Syafi’i is accused of having illat and shadz.

**Method**

This study uses library research methods or used to study

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6 Ahmad bin Muhammad bin Hanbal, *Al-Musnad lil Ahmad bin Muhammad bin Hanbal* (Kairo: Daru al-Hadis, 1994), Jilid 1, Hal. 28.

related titles about the deviation of Imam Al-Bukhari and Muslim in leaving the narration of Imam Shafi’i. This type of research conducted a qualitative approach, namely research that produces descriptive data in the form of written words or library research.

The primary source of data in this literature research is from the Manaqib of Imam Shafi’i. In addition to primary data, namely secondary data, including books related to this title, such as Kitab Musnad Ahmad, al-Muwatho', Tadribu Rawi, Sahih Al-Bukhari, Sahih Muslim, and journals related to this discussion. In this discussion, the criteria for collecting this research material are information in the form of the basis and cause of Imam Al-Bukhari and Imam Muslim leaving the history of Imam Shafi’i Synthetic analysis of the data collected was then carried out to draw conclusions.

**Revealing Imam Al-Bukhari and Muslim's abandonment of his narration**

The source of the Prophet Sallallahu 'alaihi wa sallam who reached us and knew the information from the Syaikh, From the Syaikh from the Syaikh to the Prophet Sallallahu 'alaihi wa sallam is called sanad. Sanad is a chain of hadith narrators that connects to matan hadith. The importance of sanad in science, especially in the narration of hadith, Muhammad Bin Sirin said surely this science (Hadith) is a religion, pay attention to who you take your religion from. Sanad Imam Shafi’i from Malik from Nafi’ from Ibn Umar.

Responding to the statement of Imam Nawawi that the most shahih book after the Qur'an is Sahih Al-Bukhari and Muslim. These two books are books of hadith that guide Muslims after the Qur'an which contains the hadiths of the Prophet. Sahih Al-Bukhari and Muslim are believed by a number of scholars to have fulfilled the requirements for the validity of a hadith because these

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two books become the second normative-authoritative hold after the Qur’an. Sahih Al-Bukhari which contains 9,082 hadiths partially repeated which are filtered from 600,000 hadiths. Its memorization reaches 300,000 hadiths, 100,000 memorize the hadith of sahih, and 200,000 memorize hadiths that are not sahih. Jumhur ulama agreed that Sahih Al-Bukhari preceded Sahih Al-Bukhari over Sahih Muslim.

Sahih Muslim is a collection of shahih hadith books containing 3,000 hadiths filtered from 300,000 hadiths, to filter these hadiths takes 15 years. According to Ahlu Maghreb and narrated from Abu Ali al-Naisaburi said that nothing more authentic in the world than Sahih Muslim. The superiority of this book, the arrangement is good, and the way of grouping hadith is based on similar matan. Sahih Al-Bukhari and Muslim are believed by a number of scholars to have fulfilled the requirements of sahih hadith because these two books become the second hold from the various expressions and compliments of the Sahihain that prioritizing Sahih Al-Bukhari over Sahih Muslim because the terms of Al-Bukhari in sanad are stronger than Muslim.15

**Historiography of Imam Al-Bukhari and Muslim**

This discussion needs to know the biography and historiography of Imam Al-Bukhari and Imam Muslim. Amirul Mu'minin Fi al-Hadis Imam Al-Bukhari full name Abu Abdillah Muhammad bin Ismail bin Ibrahim bin Al-Mughirah bin Bardizbah Al-Ju‘fi. His father Imam Al-Bukhari named Ismail also known as Abu

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Hasan, was a famous hadith scholar in Bukhara who had been a disciple of Imam Malik, Imam Darul Hijra. He also became a friend of Hammad bin Ziyad and Ibn Mubarak, both of whom were famous tabi’īn and had a good history among hadith scholars.

Amir al-mu’minin fī al-hadith
Imam Al-Bukhari full name Abu Abdullah Muhammad bin Ismail bin Ibrahim bin al-Mughirah bin Bardizbah was born in the city of Bukhara on the 13th day of the month of Shawwal 194 AH (July 21, 810),

At noon after Friday prayers are held. It is as if his birth accompanied the beginning of a new month in the Hijri year. Imam Al-Al-Bukhari was born a hundred years after the Bukhara region was opened and its inhabitants converted to Islam. In addition to his father, he was known as a wara’ expert and maintained piety. It is said that before his death, he once said that in the property he owned there was not the slightest smell of syubhat let alone haram.

His father died when Imam Al-Bukhari was a child. In the end, it was his mother who educated Imam Al-Bukhari after his father died. A story about Imam Al-Bukhari and his mother is told by Ibn Hajar that Al-Al-Bukhari’s mother was a devout worshipper, to the extent that most narrations recount the many lessons or advantages that Allah gave him. In one narration, when Imam al-Al-Bukhari was a child, he lost his sight or was blind. Even the greatest doctor could not cure him until one night his mother dreamed of meeting the Prophet Abraham, who said to her, “O Mother, because of your prayers and cries, Allah will restore your son’s sight.”

From growing up, Imam Al-Bukhari was allowed to wander and thalabu al-Ilmi. Among his wanderings in various countries such as Syria, Basra, Kufa, Baghdad, Medina, Mecca, Egypt, and al-Jazair in South Africa. Imam Al-Bukhari met with many hadith scholars, and


he stated that 1,080 hadith scholars were accepted and written by him. Among them, Ali bin al-Madini, Ahmad bin Hanbal, Yahya bin Ma’in, Muhammad bin Yusuf al-Faryabi, Makki bin Ibrahim al-Bulkhi, Muhammad bin Yusuf al-Baikandi, and Ibnu Rahawaih. There are 289 scholars of hadith narrated in his Sahih.

Furthermore, the complete Imam of Muslim is Abu al-Hasan Muslim bin Hajjaj bin Muslim, descended from the tribe of Qusyair and of Naisabur blood. This 204 H birth, Ibn Atsir said in his book al-Lubab: "The Qusyair tribe is a large tribe taken from the name of Qusyair bin Ka’ab bin Rabii’ah bin Amir bin Sho’so’ah, a tribe that gave descendants of scholars who spread in Russian settlements. Unlike Imam Al-Bukhari who was nationalized with the tribe of al-Ju’fi, one of the great tribes of descendants of slaves." Naisabur is now known as Uzbekistan which was one of the regions of the Soviet Union that was divided during the Samanid Dynasty in 105 A.H. This people included *man wara’a al-nahri* or tribes who lived on the banks of the river.

Baghdad was home to great scholars, which became a special place for Muslim imams. Kuffah is the oldest city that is a scientific civilization. It was built by Imam Ali Radiyallahu ‘anhu under the rule of the Bani Umayyah Dynasty. Until founded the Abbasid Dynasty Ja’far Sadiq, one of Imam Ali’s disciples. This is what prompted Muslim bin Hajjaj to go to the city until he settled there in 259 AH. After Imam Al-Bukhari came to Naisabur, Imam Muslim no longer visited Baghdad often because he often spent time talking with Imam Al-Bukhari21. Imam Muslim began studying hadith by traveling to Iraq, Hejaz, Sham, Egypt, and Ray in 218 AH.

In his book Imam al-Dzahabi mentioned that there were 10 scholars whom Imam Muslim regarded as

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20 Muhammad Asrori Ma’sum, “Eksistensi Kitab Shahih Muslim (Studi Historis Penulisan Hadits Karya Imam Muslim)” 1, no. 2 (2013): 73–90.

scholars of authentic traditions, one of whom was Imam al-Bukhari. They include Abu Bakar bin Abi Syaibah, Abu Khaitamah Zuhair bin Harb, Muhammad bin Musanna, Qutaibah bin Sa'ad, Muhammad bin Abdullah bin Numair, Abu Kuraib Muhammad bin Kalak, Muhammad bin Bisyar, Muhammad bin Rafi an Naisaburi, Muhammad bin Hatim, Ali bin Hajar, Abdul Humaid bin Nasr al-Kissa, Abdullah bin Maslamah bin Qa' nab al-Qa'nabi, dan Abu Zur'ah al-Razi.22

In this scholarly study, the author is interested in discussing Imam Al-Bukhari and Imam Muslim leaving the narration of Imam Shafi’i. The narration of the hadith of Imam Al-Bukhari and Imam Shafi’i was taken from Imam Ahmad bin Hanbal. Imam Ahmad took the narration from Imam Shafi’i. In fact, Imam Al-Bukhari and Imam Muslim should have mentioned and taken the Narration of Imam Shafi’i. Because Imam Shafi’i was Imam Ahmad's Syaikh and he was the Syaikh of Imam Al-Bukhari and Muslims. However, on the grounds that Imam Al-Bukhari and Imam Muslim are not aware of the history23.

**Imam Shafi’i Scholars of Hadith**

Hadith is a very strong source of law held by Imam Shafi’i.24 Imam Shafi’i is one of hadith scholars known by his strong memorization at an early age has memorized al-Muwatho' of Imam Malik, The Syaikh's pedigree is very good, which is connected with *silsilatu dzahab*, this is one of the expressions of the scholars about him who was a hadith expert. When Imam Ahmad was asked about Imam Malik? Imam Ahmad's answer was very brief: "His hadith is shahih and his thoughts is weak." Asked about Imam al-Auzha’i? "His hadith is dhaif and his thoughts is also weak". Asked about Imam Shafi’i? "The hadith is shahih and the thoughts is also shahih."

Muhammad bin Ahmad Rizq, Abdullah bin Ja'far bin

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Syadzan, Abdullah bin Ahmad bin Hanbal said: “I once heard my father say: if not Imam Shafi’i we do not know hadith”. The hadiths contained in Ahmad's musnad took the narration from Imam Shafi’i, and Sulayman bin Dawud al-Hashim took the narration of hadith from Imam Shafi’i.25

Among the characteristics of Imam Shafi’i are fairness, tsiqoh, shidqi, trustworthiness. Some of these characteristics are in accordance with the science of mustholah hadith and the terms in hadith that indicate the authenticity of a narrator. In this case, Imam Shafi’i is a hadith expert. Until there is a narration that has narrated Salih bin Ahmad bin Hanbal said: My father has said: I have heard Kitab al-Muwatho' Malik from Muhammad bin Idris al-Shafi’i, I have seen him a man who is tsubut even though I have heard before from the Jama'ah. Many praises from scholars related to Imam Shafi’i are indeed hadith scholars, such as Yahya bin Mu'in, Abi Hatim, Abu Zur'ah, Ibn Abdul Hakam. 26

Imam Shafi’i’s ability to explain hadith and its narrators and shows Imam Shafi’i for his sharpness of memorization, sight, hearing, knowledge, breadth of hadith knowledge. One scholar named Ibn Abdul Hakam mentioned that: we didn’t see anyone like Imam Shafi’i, he was one of the scholars of Hadith and people would come to him.27 And the scholars never stopped thinking about Imam Shafi’i’s expertise in hadith.

Expertise in his hadith, many thoughts of Imam Shafi’i in the knowledge of hadith such as the practice of mursal hadith. The definition of mursal hadith is a hadith of dhaif which is cut off among the companions. 28 This means that the disconnection of this sanad is among narrators who narrate from their Syaikhs and do not mention the


27 Ibid.

28 Thahan, Taysir Musthalah Al Hadis.
names of companions. In this regard, Imam Shafi’i divides and classifies the practice of mursal hadith in more detail. The conditions for arguing with the mursal hadith include. First, tabi’in attributed hadith to Nabi without mentioning shahabat called al-Mursi, who is one of the senior tabi’in (kibar tabi’in). secondly, if al-Mursil mentions Rawi (whose name he does not mention and he takes hadith from him) so al-Mursil mentioned the name of Rawi who is tsiqoh. Thirdly, al-Mursil who is dhabit tam (strong in memorization), where if he narrates hadith with rawis who are tsiqoh and memorize strongly, then his narration is no different from theirs.29

The confession of the scholars and their praise of Imam Shafi’i in the hadith and one of Imam Shafi’i’s ijtihad on the practice of mursal hadith is like Imam Shafi’i being called a hadith scholar. For his worthiness to be a benchmark not only to be a mujtahid in fiqh, but a mujtahid in hadith. So he said that: If there is a hadith that is shahih, then it is my madhhab.30 So in the city of Baghdad Imam Shafi’i is called Nashiru al-Sunnah.

Looking from the perspective of historiography and biography Imam al-Bukhari never met Imam al-Shafi’i, so it is not possible to take the Hadith from al-Shafi’i. Al-Al-Bukhari was born in 194 A.D. while al-Shafi’i died in 204 A.D. When Imam al-Shafi’i died, al-Bukhari was about 10 years old and lived in Bukhara, in what is now Uzbekistan. The age of 10 was only the beginning for al-Al-Bukhari as he was inspired and interested in memorizing hadiths.

Even then, his syaikh alimited to his environment. al-Al-Bukhari only made the pilgrimage to Mecca at the age of 16 and learned from the hadith experts there. We know that al-Shafi’i migrated to Messiin 199 or 200 AH. Given such historical facts, it is clearly impossible for al-Al-Bukhari to meet al-Syaf i’i. In addition to al-Al-Bukhari’s young age when al-Shafi’i died, al-Shafi’i’s residence was also

29 Abu Tharib bin Muhammad Muadz, Syarh Nukbatul Fikr (Riyadh: Darul Mugni, 2009). Hal. 231
30 Taqiyudin Al-Subki, Ma’na Qoul Imam Al-Mutholibi Idza Shahha Al-Hadis Fahuwa Madzhabi (Muassasah Qurtubah, n.d.).
in Egypt while Rihlah al-Al-Bukhari was Mecca and not Egypt.

The salaf scholars wanted a lineage of Syaikhs with the a’la (high) or sanad Ali. Sanad Ali or a’la (high) is a slight sanad.\(^{31}\) It is, however, no hadith would have been narrated if, not with sanad Ali. And most who want sanad Ali from among the scholars of hadith especially Imam Al-Bukhari. Imam Al-Bukhari considered and selected sanad Ali as important. It is as if sanad Nazil is only limited to stating by listening or adding importance in lafadz. Imam Al-Bukhari did not narrate in his saheh the narration of the sanad Nazil because he had the sanad Ali.\(^{32}\)

The scholars’ signal about negating the narration of Imam Al-Bukhari from Imam Shafi’i was because Imam Al-Bukhari only accepted the sanad Ali. Leaving the narration of Imam Shafi’i does not mean reciting and does not mean Jarh. But showing praise and exaltation, means Imam Shafi’i according to Imam Al-Bukhari and Muslims the Just man.\(^{33}\) Imam Al-Bukhari did not know Imam Shafi’i narrated from whom he was older and longer than he heard, such as Maki bin Ibrahim al-Balkhi, Ubaiddillah bin Musa, Abu Ashim al-Shaibani and Muhammad bin Abdulllah al-Anshari.

Imam Al-Bukhari did not narrate from Imam Shafi’i in his Sahih, knowing the same, Imam Shafi’i died at a fairly old age. So Imam Al-Bukhari did not narrate the Nazil. That Imam Al-Bukhari and Imam Muslim have not heard the narration of Imam Shafi’i. Imam Muslim did not know and Imam Al-Bukhari knew but had not met because of his young age.\(^{34}\)

**Conclusion**

From the discussions above, Imam Al-Bukhari and Imam Muslim did not praise Imam Shafi’i, but in leaving his narration it shows the


\(^{33}\) Ar-Razi, *Manâqib Al-Imam as-Syâfi’i*.

\(^{34}\) Prof Jihad, “Asbab Tarku Al-Imam Al-Al-Bukhari Riwayah An Imam Syafi’i” (2017): 100–120.
justice of Imam Shafi’i. There are several factors that caused Imam Al-Bukhari to leave the narration of Imam Shafi’i, judging from historiography that Imam Al-Bukhari did not meet Imam Shafi’I, due to the time difference. By the time Imam Al-Bukhari was 10 years old, Imam Shafi'i had passed away. How could they meet when they were in different places. Imam Shafi'i in Egypt, Imam Al-Bukhari in Bukhara. Other than that, Imam Muslim unkown. On the one hand, it is clear from Imam Shafi's historiography (Al-Bukhari and Muslim) that the embassy did not take Imam Shafi's history. The requirements for taking and obtaining the narration of Imam Al-Bukhari and Muslims are very strict. Firstly, it must be one-time and face-to-face even once. Secondly, it should be one time and meet on the spot. Then, Imam Al-Bukhari took sanad a’la (the highest) which has only a very small line of narrators up to the Rasulullah Saw.
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