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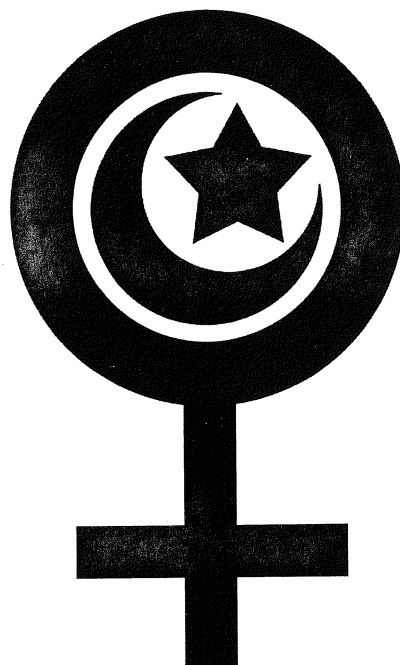
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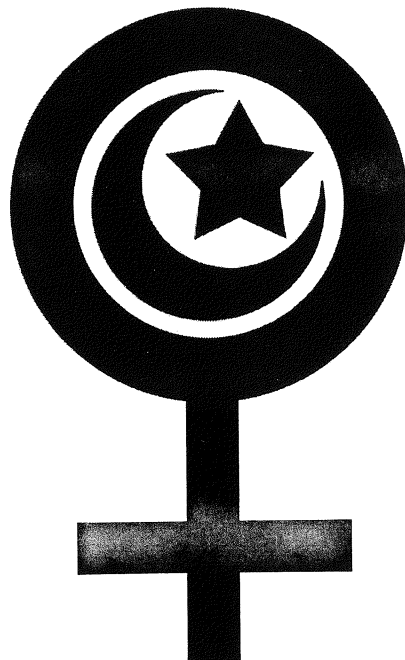
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semoga Allah beu geubri syurga.
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so God may place them in heaven.

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so they may remain faithful and patient.

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GLOSSARY

<i>Aceh</i>	Currently a province of Indonesia located at the northern tip of the island of Sumatra.
<i>ajaran</i>	Teachings.
<i>ANTARA</i>	Indonesian State news agency.
<i>Banda Aceh</i>	Provincial capital of Indonesia.
<i>berhala</i>	Idols, often associated with pre-Islamic practices of animism.
<i>Daerah Istimewa</i>	Special region status, currently attached to two provinces, Aceh and Yogyakarta.
<i>Dayah</i>	Islamic religious school, much like a <i>pesantren</i> (its Javanese counterpart).
<i>DOM</i>	<i>Daerah Operasi Militer</i> . The military zone of operation imposed on Aceh (1989-1997) in the form of <i>Operasi Jaring Merah</i> (the Red Net operation) by the Indonesian military (ABRI).
<i>GAM</i>	<i>Gerakan Aceh Merdeka</i> . The Free Aceh Movement, officially declared in 4 December 1976. Its leader and founder is T. Hasan Tiro.
<i>Gayo</i>	An ethnic group living in the inner highlands of Aceh.

<i>HUDA</i>	<i>Himpunan Ulama Dayah Aceh</i> . The Association of Dayah <i>Ulamas</i> or <i>Dayah</i> leaders in Aceh.
<i>kafir</i>	Indonesian (derived from Arabic <i>kafr</i>) for infidel, more often used by Muslims to describe non-Muslims.
<i>kanduri</i>	Acehnese feasts conducted to celebrate events, a practice common throughout the Malay world.
<i>kaphé</i>	Acehnese for <i>kafir</i> . See <i>kafir</i> .
<i>Kapolda</i>	<i>Kantor Polisi Daerah</i> . Provincial Police headquarters.
<i>kebijakan</i>	Policy.
<i>kepentingan</i>	Interest.
<i>Kodam</i>	<i>Komando Daerah Militer</i> . Provincial Military Command.
<i>KUII</i>	<i>Kongres Ummah Islam Indonesia</i> . The Congress of Indonesian Muslims conducted in early November 1999.
<i>Kyai</i>	Honorary title (usually Javanese) to a Muslim religious leader, usually a head of an Islamic school.
<i>LSM</i>	<i>Lembaga Swadaya Masyarakat</i> . Indonesian for NGO.
<i>Majelis</i>	Indonesian (derived from the Arabic <i>majlis</i>) for council.

<i>Mekah</i>	Mecca.
<i>Meunasah</i>	Islamic religious school which is not subsidised by the state and do not implement any state curriculum.
<i>MUI</i>	<i>Majelis Ulama Indonesia</i> . Official state organisation of Islamic religious leaders.
<i>NU</i>	<i>Nadhlatul Ulama</i> . Indonesia's (as well as the world's) largest Muslim organisation.
<i>PD Inshafuddin</i>	<i>Persatuan Dayah Inshafuddin</i> . The Inshafuddin Dayah Association.
<i>PPP</i>	Partai Persatuan Pembangunan. The United Development Party, one of the three political party in New Order Indonesia.
<i>PUSA</i>	Persatuan Ulama Seluruh Aceh. Acehese Ulama Association.
<i>Syariah</i>	Islamic law.
<i>Tgk.</i>	Short for Teungku, Acehese honorary title conveyed to religious teachers or leaders.
<i>tradisi</i>	Indonesian (derived from English) for tradition.
<i>Ulama</i>	Arabic honorary title conveyed to Islamic religious leaders.
<i>Uleebalang</i>	Pre-Indonesian independence Acehese aristocracy.

<i>Umara</i>	Arabic honorary title conveyed to Islamic political leaders.
<i>Umat</i>	Arabic word referring to the group or collective of believers, specifically the Muslim communities.
<i>Ummah</i>	See Umat.
<i>Ustadz</i>	Islamic religious teacher, usually teaches how to read the Quran.
<i>ziarah</i>	Pilgrimage to holy sites (usually graves or tombs).

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Map of Aceh Besar

Legend:

- Provincial Capital (Black square)
- District Capital (Black circle)

Districts and Capitals:

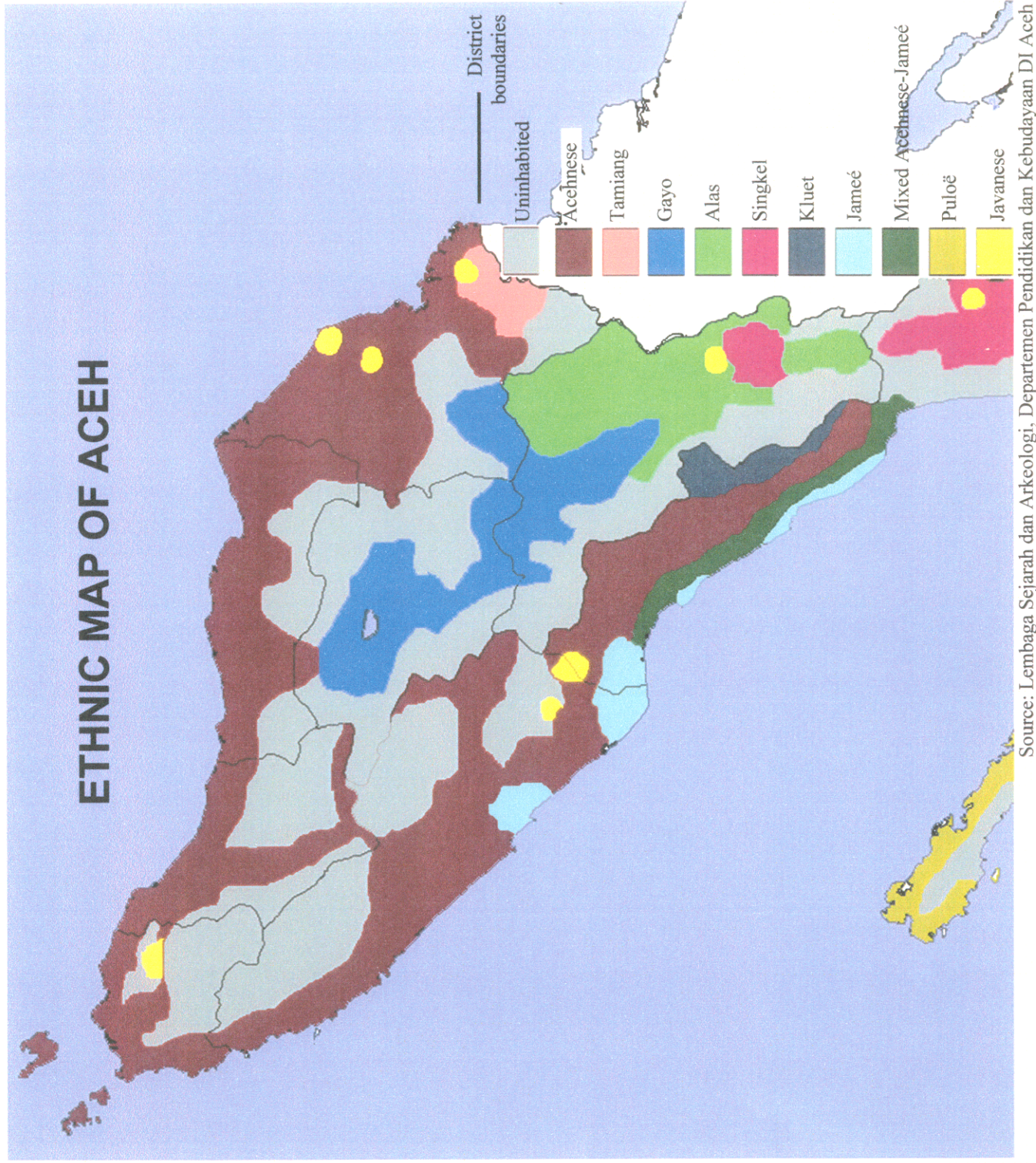
- Aceh Barat
- Aceh Tengah
- Aceh Tenggara
- Aceh Selatan
- Aceh Timur
- Aceh Utara
- Pidie

Other locations:

- Banda Aceh (Provincial Capital)
- Sigli (District Capital)

Inset Map: Shows the location of Aceh Besar within the Indonesian archipelago.

ETHNIC MAP OF ACEH



Source: Lembaga Sejarah dan Arkeologi, Departemen Pendidikan dan Kebudayaan DI Aceh

