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THE CONCEPT OF *AR RIJAL QAWWAMUN 'ALA AN-NISA'* IN COMBATING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN MALAYSIA

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ABSTRACT

The country's Covid 19 pandemic has prompted the government to implement MCO beginning in March 2020. According to Royal Malaysia Police (PDRM) statistics, a total of 5260 cases of domestic violence were reported from January to December 2020. While *Talian Kasih* Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development (KPWKM) statistics show a total of 2540 cases were received during the same period. Meanwhile, 902 cases of domestic violence were reported in the first four months of 2021, from January to April. These statistics show that the issue of domestic violence necessitates the intervention and cooperation of multiple parties. The objective of this writing is to understand the empowerment of men in the Quran through the concept of *ar rijal qawwamun 'ala an-nisa'*. Secondly to propose a strategy for combating domestic violence in Malaysia and thirdly to introduce the initiative of NGO such as HELWA ABIM in combating domestic violence during pandemic. According to studies, financial problems and uncertainty about the future are among the factors that contribute to the occurrence of domestic violence. This issue should be thoroughly researched, beginning with the development and empowerment of men through the concept of *ar rijal qawwamun 'ala an-nisa'*. This conceptual paper focuses on several document analysis methods and discusses *ar rijal qawwamun 'ala an-nisa'* concept and domestic violence. As a result, the author proposes a strategy for empowering men in the household in order to reduce domestic violence in Malaysia such as enhancement to the marriage course module, male economic system empowerment and salary cuts for fixed income with direct payments into dependent bank accounts.

Keywords: ar rijal, qawwamun, nisa, Domestic Violence, Covid 19 issue