ABSTRACT

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Tradition of Jalukan is a request of the family of the future bride to the family of the future groom before a marriage. It is one of the traditions of the people in Bayur Kidul village, Cilamaya district, Karawang regency which is carried out before marriage. This tradition has a typical process. The majority of people in Bayur Kidul carry out this tradition. Some people do not carry out this tradition either because of particular reasons or agreement made by both parties, the family of the future bride and groom. People carry out this tradition in order to uphold the existing culture and local wisdom as well as preserve tradition of Jalukan itself. According to the people in Bayur Kidul, tradition of Jalukan aims to respect women and uphold women’s right, to give a proof of sincerity to the future bride, and to be the start-up capital in creating a new family. This study aims to discover the perception of the people in Bayur Kidul village, Cilamaya district, Karawang regency on tradition of Jalukan. Besides, it also aims to know how the ‘urf perspective sees the tradition.

This study employs a qualitative approach which is based on fact. The collected data are primary and secondary data. The data collection methods are interview and documentation. The data are analyzed through descriptive analysis implemented by describing the perception of the people in Bayur Kidul on tradition of Jalukan and describing the law of tradition of Jalukan based on the ‘urf perspective.

The results of this study point out two conclusions. First, the people of Bayur Kidul perceive that tradition of Jalukan has a decent purpose, as a form of respect given by men to the women. It also functions as a start-up capital in creating a new family. There are only some people in Bayur Kidul who understand the true history and purpose of tradition of Jalukan. Most of the people only follow and maintain the tradition without knowing the true meaning. Tradition of Jalukan has a typical procedure consisting of several steps such as gedor lawing, nekani, proposing, sasrahan, and jalukan giving. Second, tradition of Jalukan is considered as an authentic ‘urf since it is acceptable for the people. At the present time, people perceive Jalukan tradition as a decent tradition which is not in contrary with Islamic values, does not harm the goal of marriage, and gives many benefits to the bridegroom.