

## 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* it self. According to the people in Bayur Kidul, tradition of *Jalukan* aims to respect woman and uphold woman'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 mento 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.