

Existence of Alkhairaat on Central Sulawesi Politics

Opportunity of Alkhairaat After Local Election 2015

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This research is trying to find out how the existence of Alkhairaat on politics in Central Sulawesi. Alkhairaat is one of the great organizations in Central Sulawesi even in the eastern part of Indonesia. Alkhairaat as a great organization is certainly has a great influence also to Central Sulawesi community. Concurrent local election 2015 in Central Sulawesi, Alkhairaat discovered to openly support one candidate Governor of Central Sulawesi. Therefore, focus of this study is looking for how the involvement of Alkhairaat directly on politics in Central Sulawesi, especially at a time when local election 2015. Find out what the reason Alkhairaat involved in politics, by supporting one of the Central Sulawesi Governor candidates. Then analyze how opportunities gotten by Alkhairaat after local election 2015..

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Background

Alkhairaat is one of the great organizations that exist in Central Sulawesi. Alkhairaat engaged in social, da'wah and education. The number of Alkhairaat members are as many as 5 million people. Alkhairaat proves the existence of and contributions to the community in Central Sulawesi. As evidenced by the large number of activities

and assets that are owned by Alkhairaat. Currently, Alkhairaat has 1,561 madrasah, 88 boarding schools, 1 University, and 1 hospital. (Tahir, 2016) With many contributions has been made by Alkhairat to the people of Central Sulawesi, it is known that these organizations many was approached by politicians to gain the sympathy of the community.

Almost every will tackle the election, many of the politicians who always visit and ask for approval to the authorities of Alkhairaat. This is done for attracting the sympathy of communities to vote for the politician because politicians want to build their opinion that they were close to the Alkhairaat. But in reality none of the politicians who get support directly from Alkhairaat. But in 2015 in Central Sulawesi Local Election, Alkhairaat for the first time openly expressed support to one candidate for Governor of Central Sulawesi Rusdy Mastura. The support is done by Alkhairaat through main chairman of Alkhairaat Habib Said Seggaf Aljufri by way of issuing a notice to all the members of the Alkhairaat (abnaukhairaat) to support the candidacy of Rusdy Mastura as Governor of Central Sulawesi. This must be an interesting discussion in the community and is certainly interesting also for the author. Because as already mentioned earlier, it's

the first time Alkhairaat expressed support to one of the politicians.

If analyzed, there is a cause and there is a result of the support process. Therefore, in this study, researchers tried to find out what reason Alkhairaat gave support to the candidate the Governor and Vice Governor of Central Sulawesi. Then how the opportunities can gotten by Alkhairaat after local election 2015 by giving supports to Governor and Vice Governor Candidates.

Theoretical Framework

In this study researchers using theory of Patronage and Clientelism research to answer the research questions. According to Shefter in (Sukmajati, 2015), patronage is defined as a profit sharing among politicians to distribute something individually to electors, workers or activists of the campaign, in order to get support from them. (Sukmajati, 2015) Describe, that patronage is the giving of cash, goods, services and other economic advantages (such as the employment or contract of the project) that are distributed by politicians, including the profit shown to individuals (example, envelopes containing cash) and to the group/community (for example, a new soccer field for youth in the village).

Patronage can also be either cash or goods that were distributed to voters who came from personal funds (for example, in polling) or from public funds (for example, projects pork barrel which is financed by the Government). In his book "The politics of money in Indonesia, the Patronage of the National Legislative Clientelism in 2014" Edward and Mada (2015) elaborated the relation between patronage and clientelism as follows. Patronage refers to the material or another profits distributed by politicians to voters or supporters. In contrast, the clientelism refers to the character of the relationship between politicians and the electorate or supporters

Research Method

To analyze how the existence of Alkhairaat after the Local Election in 2015 by seeing what is the opportunity that can be gotten by Alkhairaat by giving support to one of Governor and Vice Governor candidates, the researcher used a qualitative research approach. Since the research is required to answer the research questions, the qualitative research approach can directly go to the object that will be examined in order to get a clear answer. Qualitative research used qualitative research methods that can be

used to examine the conditions of natural objects, in which the researcher is a key of instrument. Techniques of the data collection were conducted in the combination between inductive in nature, the data analysis, and the results of the qualitative research that emphasized to the significance of generalization. (Sugiyono, 2007)

While explained that qualitative research method is a method of a research that aims to understand the phenomenon of what is experienced by the subject of the research for example, behavior, perceptions, motivations, actions, holistically, and by means of the description in the form of words and language, in a special natural context and by utilizing a variety of natural methods.

Result and Analysis

The Cause of Alkhairaat gave support to one of the Governor and Vice Governor Candidate of Central Sulawesi that followed Local Leaders' Election 2015.

The other explanations about Alkhairaat's support to Cudy and Ikhwan on Local Leaders' Election in 2015 was delivered by Lukman S Tahir as general secretary of PB Alkhairaat in the interview that was conducted with the researcher on 5th of January 2016. According to Lukman S Tahrir, those support were given because

Cudy's concern who was not from the Alkhairaat background or not a student of Alkhairaat, but he has been showed his concern to Alkhairaat.

First, by renaming Mutiara airport in Palu City by adding the name of Alkhairaat's founder namely Sis Aljufri, and the name being Mutiara Sis Aljufri Airport. "He showed his love towards the Guru Tuaby renaming the existing airport in Palu city became Mutiara SIS Aljufri". The changing of airport's name in Palu city was officially announced by the Mayor of Palu at the time that is Rusdy Mastura in the celebration of Maulid Nabi Muhammad 1434 Hijriah at PB Alkhairaat office. The changing of the airport's name was based on the decision of the Minister of transportation number: KP 178 2014 signed by Transport Minister EE Mangindaan, 28th of February 2014, about the changing approval of the Mutiara Airport's into Mutiara SIS Aljufri Airport. (Pattarudin, 2015)

Then the reason why Alkhairaat gave support to Cudy was because during his reigned as Mayor of Palu city, he had set an Alkhairaat complex at SIS Aljufri street Palu city became religious tourism area. The reason in establishing religious tourism area in Alkhairaat areas according to Cudy was because the areas was always crowded each year of the attendance of

many people around Nusantara when carried out the celebration of Guru Tua's commemoration. The attending of citizens in Guru Tua's commemoration was not only commemorating the Guru Tua's struggle during his life, but it had become a tradition of the spiritual journey for the Alkhairaat's members. Then, it was rooted at once became an attraction and a symbol power of Palu city. The Government was obligated to preserve a whole series of that tradition. It was not only maintaining the tradition, but also at the same time as a potential destination for religious tourism amid the lack of tourism places in Palu city. (Nadjemudin, 2015)

In addition, Palu City Government annually hosted the Festival Raudah in religi tour at Alkhairaat's complex. The purpose of holding these festivals was to revive the spirit of the founder of the Alkhairaat Guru Tua in modern era. Palu City Government and DPRD have specified the Sis Al Jufri road and PB Alkhairaat's environment as a Religious Tourism. Rusdy Mastura initiated this festival. The implementation of the festival last year was considered to be positive, so it will be held each year, said Lukman when he did interview with the researcher. (Tahir, 2016)

Then, the thing that became the cause of Alkhairaat supported Cudy and

Ikhwan specifically to Cudy was because during the reign of Cudy as a Mayor of Palu city, Palu city government annually distributed a portion of APBD funds that was distributed to Alkhairaat. The government policy of Palu City to allocate hundreds of millions of APBD annually was donated to Alkhairaat. Of course, it gave huge benefits to Alkhairaat in the middle of difficulty of Guru Tua Islamic Heritage in defraying the Alkhairaat's needs. Just imagine, Alkhairaat had thousands of teachers, thousands of schools at all levels and hospitals that needed huge budgets. Because of the huge in defraying it, Alkhairaat annually lost out of Rp.600-Rp800 million to defray it all. In the midst of Alkhairaat's difficulty to build human resources in the country, the Government of Palu city came as a part of the solution. (Nadjemudin, 2015)

According to general secretary of WIA Center Hj Sarifah, when Cudy was being a Mayor of Palu city, Cudy's concern to Alkhairaat is big enough. Palu city government through Cudy was allocating APBD Rp 500 million per years to Alkhairaat. (Lany, 2015)

Alkhairaat's Opportunities After the Local Leaders' Election in 2015

If you see some of the reasons already explained earlier, why Alkhairaat supports Cudy, then it can be inferred that the opportunities that will be obtained by Alkhairaat are likely to be a sustained assistance from Cudy. When Cudy elected Governor, assistance provided by Cudy also will be getting bigger, it could be the allocation of APBD Central Sulawesi larger number will be obtained by Alkhairaat..

By selecting Cudy as the governor's candidate of Central Sulawesi in the local leaders' election, it became a new hope for Alkhairaat to help Alkhairaat in relieving his responsibility to run this organization. The hope that was meant in this case was the Alkhairaat's possibility to get a support was bigger if Cudy could win the local leaders' election in Central Sulawesi at that time.

Remembering of how the closeness of Alkhairaat and Cudy when he became Mayor of Palu city by proofing his concerns to Alkhairaat. Those concerns have already explained earlier that was by changing the name of the existing Airport in Palu city that was previously Mutiara Airport and later became Mutiara SIS

Aljufri Airport. Then, determining the Alkhairaat's complex as a religious tourism area and the last was allocating the APBD donations for Alkhairaat regularly by Palu city government that was very helpful to relieve the Alkhairaat's operational responsibility.

If Cudy won in the local leaders' election at that time and became the Central Sulawesi governor, then it can be convinced that the closeness between those two sides will be intertwined continuously. If he was elected to be the Central Sulawesi governor, the concerns that Cudy has done will be continued. In other words, the supports that will be provided to Alkhairaat will be continued. It could be every year that Alkhairaat will get the funds' allocation regularly from the Central Sulawesi government. This is what the researcher analyzed based on the research questions. It was pointed out that Alkhairaat will have a chance to get a support after the local leaders' election if Cudy became the Central Sulawesi governor.

Lukman explained that the emergence of political dynamics that was done by Alkhairaat by providing a support to Cudy was because there were no concerns anymore from the government to Alkhairaat lately. Lukman said that, "If there is partiality of Government to

Alkhairaat, then there will be no political dynamic of Alkhairaat or there will be no edict from Alkhairaat" (Tahir, 2016)

Then, Lukman stated that the support that was given by the Chairman of Alkhairaat to Cudy was reasonable because in the Alkhairaat's AD-ART mentioned that the chairman of Alkhairaat had the prerogative right. "Not only issuing the political rights or supporting one of the candidates, but he also had a right to dissolve Alkhairat. It is because only him who knows about the encumbrance of Alkhairaat". (Tahir, 2016)

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