

## Barikan Tradition as A Form of Local Wisdom Preservation In Kebonadem Village

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**Abstract.** *This research aims to analyze and document the barikan tradition in Kebonadem Village as a form of preserving local wisdom which has social, spiritual and educational values. The problem faced is the decreasing interest of the younger generation in preserving this tradition amidst the strong current of modernization. This raises concerns that this tradition, which has been passed down from generation to generation, will be eroded by more popular foreign culture. The urgency of this research lies in the importance of understanding and maintaining the values contained in the Barikan tradition so that it remains relevant and can be passed on to future generations. The research results show that the Barikan tradition not only functions as an annual ritual, but also as a tool to strengthen social ties and deepen people's faith, especially in teaching children the values of togetherness, mutual help and respect for tradition. This tradition, despite facing the challenges of modernization, remains an integral part of the life of the people of Kebonadem Village, connecting the past, present and future, and enriching local cultural identity.*

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Local wisdom is a concept that refers to traditional values and practices that have long been believed and implemented by a community. These values are usually passed down from generation to generation and play an important role in maintaining cultural identity and strengthening social ties in society (Mei et al., 2024). One form of local wisdom that is still maintained today is the barikan tradition, a tradition that developed in Javanese society, including in Kebonadem Village. This tradition is not just a traditional ritual, but is also a means of strengthening religious beliefs, building friendship between residents, and fostering a sense of solidarity in social life.

The barikan tradition in Kebonadem Village has a deep meaning for the local community. Javanese people believe that this tradition is a way to ask God for safety, to avoid various kinds of disasters and calamities. In practice, barikan is also an expression of gratitude for the blessings that have been given, such as health, safety and blessings in everyday life. Apart from that, this tradition is also a moment to pray for ancestors who have contributed to building the village, so that they will still be respected and remembered by future generations (Sarwi, 2020).

In Indonesia, which is known for its cultural diversity, the Barikan tradition is an example of how local wisdom is maintained amidst the current of modernization. Each region has its own way of carrying out this tradition, in accordance with the customs and customs that have been inherited. In Kebonadem Village, for example, the barikan tradition is carried out in a unique manner, which differentiates it from other areas. In its implementation, this tradition involves all levels of society, from children to the elderly, so that it becomes an effective forum for strengthening ties of brotherhood between residents. Preserving the barikan tradition in Kebonadem Village also has social benefits, namely, this tradition functions as a reinforcement of Islamic religious beliefs for the local community by involving prayers and religious rituals, barikan helps strengthen faith and bring people closer to God. This tradition is a means of building friendship between neighbors. Through joint activities in barikan, social relations between residents become more harmonious, thereby creating a harmonious and peaceful environment. The barikan tradition also fosters a sense of togetherness and mutual assistance among the community (Agustina et al., 2021). In the implementation process, every resident helps and shares with each other, whether in the form of energy, food or prayer.

Apart from spiritual and social aspects, the barikan tradition in Kebonadem Village also has cultural values that are important to preserve. Through this tradition, the younger generation is taught to respect and protect their ancestral cultural heritage. Thus, the barikan tradition not only functions as a ritual means, but also as an educational tool for the next generation, so that they can know and love their own culture. However, preserving the Barikan tradition amidst modernization is not an easy thing. Changing times and the influx of foreign cultures often make the younger generation less interested in preserving this tradition (Muhammad Jodi Prasetyo et al., 2023). Therefore, more serious efforts are needed from various parties, including the government, community leaders and educational institutions, to maintain the continuity of this tradition. Overall, the barikan tradition in Kebonadem Village is a form of preserving local wisdom which is still relevant and useful in people's lives. This tradition not only strengthens spiritual and social values, but is also an important tool in maintaining the cultural identity of the Javanese people (Mirtanty et al., 2021). Thus, efforts to preserve the Barikan tradition must continue to be made, so that the good values contained in it can continue to be passed on to the next generation, and become an integral part of people's lives in the future.

## **2. RESULTS**

The barikan tradition in Kebonadem Village is a celebration that reflects the strong sense of togetherness and familiarity among residents in welcoming the Islamic New Year. This tradition is held in every hamlet in the village, namely Jipang, Kauman and Bonadem hamlets. Barikan is usually done at night in an open area, where all residents gather to have a meal together. This moment is a time that is highly anticipated by the local community, because apart from being an opportunity to stay in touch, it also contains strong religious values. During the Barikan implementation, each villager brings food from their respective homes, which is then exchanged or distributed to other residents. This tradition is not only carried out on the 1st of Muharram, but also on the night of the 10th of Muharram. The name "barikan" itself comes from the Arabic word "Barokah," which means "blessing." In the context of Javanese tradition, barikan is defined as a tradition of eating together in the open to celebrate the Islamic New Year. This tradition not only aims to strengthen social relations between residents, but also as a form of gratitude and hope for blessings in experiencing the Hijriyah New Year.

Barikan in Kebonadem Village is an embodiment of the values of togetherness and unity in society. Every citizen, regardless of background or social status, participated in this event. By gathering and sharing food, residents feel closer to each other and the sense of brotherhood becomes stronger. This tradition is also a means of fostering a sense of unity (guyup) among the community, thereby creating an environment that is harmonious and full of mutual cooperation. Apart from that, barikan has a very important spiritual dimension.

This activity is not only about eating together, but also about praying together asking for protection and blessings from Allah SWT. On the night of one Suro, which is the first night of the Hijri new year, the villagers gather to pray together. They begged Allah SWT to give them safety, health, and blessings in the coming new year. This joint prayer is the core of the barikan festival, where all the citizens solemnly pray, hoping that their lives in the new year will be better and more blessed.

The implementation of barikan also has a positive impact on the formation of religious character, especially for children. From an early age, children are introduced to activities that are full of spiritual and social meaning. They learn about the importance of sharing and helping, as well as how to get closer to Allah SWT. Thus, the barikan tradition not only functions as an annual celebration, but also as an effective educational tool to instill religious and social values in the younger generation. The involvement of all levels of society in the Barikan tradition shows that this local wisdom is still very relevant and continues to be

preserved. This tradition not only maintains the cultural identity of the people of Kebonadem Village, but also strengthens social cohesion within the community. Through barikan, village residents can celebrate the Islamic New Year together in a way that is full of meaning and togetherness. The values contained in this tradition, such as togetherness, gratitude and faith, are a strong foundation for a harmonious and prosperous social life.

Overall, the barikan tradition in Kebonadem Village is an example of how local wisdom can remain alive and relevant amidst changing times. By combining religious and social elements, this tradition is not only a moment for friendship, but also a form of preserving cultural values that have been passed down from generation to generation. Barikan is proof that local traditions and wisdom still have an important place in the life of modern society, especially in strengthening social and spiritual relations between residents. This tradition must continue to be preserved so that the noble values contained in it can continue to be inherited and become part of the daily life of the people of Kebonadem Village.

### **3. DISCUSSION**

The barikan tradition in Kebonadem Village is not only an annual ritual, but also a reflection of the social and spiritual values that are deeply rooted in the lives of the local community. In this discussion, it is important to outline how this tradition not only maintains local cultural identity, but also makes a significant contribution to the formation of the social and religious character of village residents. Barikan as a form of preserving local wisdom shows how the people of Kebonadem Village are able to maintain traditions that have been passed down from generation to generation. In the midst of increasingly strong modernization, the community's ability to maintain these traditions shows their high commitment to cultural values that have become an integral part of their lives. Barikan is not just a meal together, but a symbol of cultural continuity that connects the past with the present. Through this tradition, village residents can feel connected to their ancestors and continue to preserve the values that their ancestors upheld.

The barikan tradition functions as a tool to strengthen social cohesion among the residents of Kebonadem Village. In this tradition, all citizens, regardless of social status, participate and share with each other. This creates a strong sense of unity and togetherness, which is very important in maintaining social harmony in society. Barikan is a moment where differences between citizens, be they differences in economic status, age or background, become irrelevant. All residents gathered with one goal, namely celebrating the Islamic New Year and asking for blessings and safety from Allah SWT. Thus, this tradition plays an

important role in creating solidarity and strengthening social networks among village residents. Then, from a spiritual perspective, barikan has a very deep meaning for the people of Kebonadem Village. This tradition is not only about celebration, but also about spiritual reflection and increasing religious awareness. By involving collective prayer, barikan becomes a means of getting closer to God and strengthening people's faith. The group prayer activity held on the first night of Suro, as part of the barikan celebration, is a very important moment for people to reflect on their lives, express gratitude for the blessings they have received, and ask for protection and blessings in the coming year. The spiritual dimension of this barikan provides a depth of meaning that makes this tradition more than just a cultural ritual, but also a deep religious practice.

Apart from that, Barikan also functions as a means of education for the younger generation. Children involved in this tradition learn the importance of sharing, helping each other, and respecting traditions and religious values. They are introduced to the spiritual meaning behind barikan from an early age, so that these values can be firmly ingrained in them. In this way, Barikan not only preserves culture, but also shapes the character of the younger generation who are religious and care about others. Through active involvement in these traditions, children not only learn about culture and religion, but also about the importance of their role in maintaining and continuing the traditions passed down by their ancestors.

However, in the ever-growing modernization, the challenge of preserving the barikan tradition is getting bigger. Younger generations, who are often more interested in popular culture and outside influences, may no longer see barikan as relevant or important. Therefore, greater efforts are needed from society, government and educational institutions to ensure that this tradition remains alive and is passed on to the next generation. One way to do this is by integrating the values of the Barikan tradition into formal education, so that the younger generation can understand the importance of this tradition and be motivated to preserve it. Overall, the barikan tradition in Kebonadem Village is more than just an annual ritual. This tradition contains deep meaning, both from a social, spiritual and educational perspective. Barikan strengthens social ties among residents, deepens their faith, and provides education in cultural and religious values to the younger generation. In the midst of the challenges of modernization, efforts to preserve this tradition must continue so that the noble values contained in it can continue to be inherited and become an integral part of the life of the people of Kebonadem Village.

#### 4. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the barikan tradition in Kebonadem Village is a concrete manifestation of the preservation of local wisdom which has deep social, spiritual and educational values. Through this tradition, village communities are able to maintain their cultural identity, strengthen social cohesion, and deepen their faith and religious awareness. Barikan is not only an annual celebration, but also serves as a tool to teach the values of togetherness, mutual help and respect for traditions to the younger generation. In the midst of modernization, this tradition faces significant challenges, but with the right efforts, Barikan can continue to live and be passed onto future generations, so that the noble values contained in it remain an integral part of people's lives. This tradition, in the end, is not just a cultural ritual, but also a reflection of the spiritual and social richness that connects the past, present and future of the people of Kebonadem Village.

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