

Causes of Divorce in Ternate City, North Maluku

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Abstract— This research departs from concerns about the high rate of divorce in Indonesia in general and in the city of Ternate in particular. Divorce in Ternate City since 2012-2019 experiences every year. The study of the causes of divorce has never been carried out scientifically in Ternate City. This study seeks to find answers to questions about the causes of divorce in Ternate City. The research method used was qualitative methods. Data collection techniques were carried out by in-depth interviews, observation and review of documents. The data analysis used was the Miles and Huberman model, namely data reduction, data display, and verification. This study finds that divorce occurred due to infidelity committed by a partner, economic reasons, incompatibility / disagreement, long distance relationship or LDR (long distance relationship) and domestic violence. Divorce with a lawsuit case by the wife who dominates the divorce verdict.

Keywords— Cause, divorce, Ternate

I. INTRODUCTION

Currently, the condition of society has experienced many changes which are influenced by various aspects of life. One form of change that occurs is a change in people's perceptions about marriage and divorce. The importance of research on the causes of divorce in society is due to the increasing number of divorces in Indonesia. According to the Director General of Islamic Community Guidance at the Ministry of Religion Kamaruddin Amin in the National News (2020) [1], said the divorce rate in Indonesia, especially those who are Muslim, in 2019 reached 480,618 cases. This figure has increased every year since 2015. This is based on data from the Supreme Court's Religious Courts in 2015 there were 394,246 cases, then in 2016 it increased to 401,717 cases, then in 2017 there were an increase of 415,510 cases and in 2018 it continued to increase to 444,358 cases. Meanwhile, in 2020, as of August the number has reached 306,688 cases.

Realizing a harmonious and happy marriage in the household until death separates is not an easy thing. In fact, every couple expects the marriage to last until death does. Misunderstandings, incompatibilities and various reasons trigger disputes and conflicts that lead to divorce. Married couples who have been in conflict in the family have tried to maintain the integrity of the family in various ways they have. In several divorce cases it was revealed that the perpetrators had tried to improve their household relations by opening communication and reducing conflict. The need to give and receive by means of mediation was carried out by the families of both parties and parties from the religious court but did not find a way out until a divorce took place.

Divorce that occurs in Ternate City has increased from year to year. based on data from the Religious Courts Office of divorce cases that have increased from 2013 divorce cases occurred 314, 2014 increased to 373, 2015 378 cases, 2016 to 430 cases, in 2017 there were 521 cases in 2018 amounting to 531 cases, year 2019 amounted to 544 cases. Based on data obtained at the Religious Court Office of Ternate City, the highest level of divorce in North Maluku Province occurred in Ternate City

II. METHODS

The type of research used is survey research. Survey research is a form of the planned collection with aim of explaining or studying social phenomena by analyzing the relationship between certain variables [11]. The research approach used was the descriptive approach. Descriptive research aims to describe the characteristics of several existing phenomena, either group or individual phenomena that are natural or human engineering with correct interpretations [12]. However, in this study, there was the treatment of the research subject. The populations in this study were the students of the Elementary Teacher Education Program at Universitas Mataram. Sampling in this study used the purposive proportional random sampling technique. The sampling technique uses certain considerations or goals based on the students' characteristics [13]. The instrument used in this study was a test instrument. The tests used to obtain data on basic non-locomotor movement skills are in the form of tests: (1) standing stork, to measure balance, (2) sit and reach, to measure flexibility. The locomotor basic movement skill test is in the form of tests: (1) standing long jump, to measure the explosive power of the leg muscles, (2) shuttle run, to measure agility, (3) to run 20 meters, to measure speed. The manipulative basic motion tests used are (1) throwing and catching a ball using one hand, and (2) throwing a ball using two hands which aims to measure the coordination between the eyes and hands. Data collection used was measurement techniques through tests [14]. The form of the test used is the locomotor, non-locomotor, and manipulative basic movement skills test. The data analysis technique used is a descriptive statistical analysis technique, the size of tendency central, which includes the mean, median, and mode.

The type of research was a qualitative method that relies on data collection techniques consisting of observation, in-depth interviews, and document review.

This research conducted in the City of Ternate. The city of Ternate was chosen as the location of this research because the city of Ternate has the highest trend of divorce in North Maluku. The selection of informants was carried out

by purposive sampling, namely the determination of informants according to the criteria (divorce actors) of 20 people and the partners of the Religious Court of Ternate City (Expert Informants) totaling 3 people. This study will use a typical qualitative data collection technique (Marshall and Rossman, 1995: 78-107) [2]. In this study, data analysis used a qualitative data analysis model proposed by Miles and Huberman (2007) [3] covering three main stages, namely data reduction, data presentation, and conclusion drawing.

III. RESULT AND DISCUSSIONS

A. Results

Every wedding has the possibility of divorce, for married couples who are still alive due to the emergence of unsolved problems in a household. When living together in a household and experiencing a mismatch, it ends with the household that has been built. Divorce is also seen as a natural phenomenon when something different is put together under one household roof. Even more extreme, divorce is considered a solution for the parties (husband and wife) if the problems faced have the potential to lead to domestic violence.

The problem and concern of this adult is that the divorce rate from year to year continues to increase both nationally and in the regions. The increase in the divorce rate every year shows that there are problems that have so far escaped our attention to the family as the smallest institution in society.

Causes of Divorce

The research findings on the causes of divorce in Ternate City are as follows:

- Infidelity / third person

Based on field data from 20 informants, 15 people gave reasons for divorce because there was a third person who disturbed household harmony. Divorce caused by a third person was not only experienced by female informants, but there were also 2 male informants who divorced their wives due to an affair in their household.

The existence of a third person in the marriage for some informants is not a problem, if the husband can be fair and the young wife can put themselves well and take care of each other's feelings. Mrs. Deli saw the change in her husband, then found out what caused it. Gracefully spoke to her husband to open up. Her husband admits that he shares his heart with others via short messages / SMS, straying and continuing. So that the husband did not fall into a prolonged valley of sin, so he encouraged her to marry again.

Love affair in the house stairs also happen to women. Of the five male informants, 2 of them stated that their wife was suspected of having an affair and this could not be forgiven. This statement was also supported by the Youth Committee and the Legal Division of the Religious Court Class IB Ternate Hasan, saying that "many divorces occur due to interference from third parties. In Indonesian society which is predominantly Muslim, polygamy is not prohibited with terms and conditions applied. Unfortunately, many wives do not want or are willing if their husbands remarry. Of course, polygamy will always be different when viewed from various sides, especially from the side of women. Even

though polygamy is not prohibited and justified in Islam. There are some women who do not mind polygamy.

- Economic Reason.

Unlimited human needs, such as needs Regarding housing, food, clothing and so on in the household, each member has different needs based on age. The large number of needs that are spent sometimes makes the husband unable to meet the needs of his family, so that the wife who works as a housewife helps her husband in improving the family economy.

In this era of globalization, basic necessities from day to day are increasingly expensive, and the increasing demands of economic needs have caused almost all wives to work to earn a living in their families. Meanwhile, wives who work as civil servants are only partially willing to work as farmers, traders and gardeners in order to increase family income and fulfill family needs.

Data obtained at the Class IB Religious Court in Ternate City found that the divorce rate was most dominant among women who filed lawsuits. Along with what was obtained in the field, all informants had a role in improving their family's economy.

Based on the results of field observations carried out by researchers, there are several cases that reflect the culture that occurs, when a husband is unable to meet the basic needs of the family, the wife will help meet those needs. At the beginning of marriage, the wife plays the role of the main breadwinner by working as a civil servant and has earned income every month. This condition makes the husband less persistent in earning a living and imposes the economic condition of the family on the wife. Field data shows that wives who are economically independent / stable feel capable of letting go of husbands who are deemed unsuitable for living together in life. Divorce can occur for the reason that the husband does not want to work hard and solely depends on his wife who works.

- Incompatibility and Squabbling

Based on the results of the author's interview with the informant Mr. Slamet (Kalumata, South Ternate) and stated "in 2016 divorced due to weak or fragile economic problems that caused loss of trust between husband and wife, divorce in the family because it was also caused by the influence of the mother-in-law and the father-in-law who steered his child to the wrong path, so that his wife disliked her husband and ended up separating us".

The obligations carried out by the husband according to Islamic law as the head of the family, and the wife should carry out the husband's advice if it does not conflict with religious teachings. This was experienced by the informant, not getting an award in the form of obedience from the wife. Wives listen more to the directions and desires of their parents than to follow the wishes of their husbands. The results of field research indicate that the problems in the family are due to the weak economy of the family and the dissatisfaction of the wife's family who often intervenes.

- Long Distance Relationship or LDR.

Long Distance Relationship (LDR) sometimes have to be done, usually because of work or education matters. Along with the increasing need for family life, high competition in

pursuing a career, and the education that is currently being undertaken, husband and wife often have to live separately. The place where the husband works is in a different city or area from where the wife and children live. A marriage in which a husband and wife cannot live together and are physically separated due to various factors is known as a long distance marriage. Long distance marriage describes the situation of a couple who are physically separated, one partner has to go to another place for an interest, while the other partner has to stay at home.

- Domestic violence

Domestic Violence (KDRT) is any act against a person, especially a woman, which results in suffering or suffering physically, sexually, psychologically, and or neglect of the household, including threats to commit acts, coercion or illegal deprivation of liberty within the scope of the household. Domestic violence is violence that is committed in the household, whether violence is committed by the husband to the wife or vice versa, but victims of domestic violence are mostly experienced by women. Domestic violence can be in the form of physical violence, psychological violence, sexual violence or household neglect, but in general, many people still mean that domestic violence is only physical violence.

B. Discussion

The causes of divorce in this paper are a) Infidelity / third parties, b) economic reasons, c) incompatibility / squabbling, d) long-distance relationships and e) Domestic violence. It will be explained in the following sections:

- Infidelity / third person. The cause of the breakdown of the husband and wife relationship in the marriage bond is that there is another ideal man / woman, the third person is a very serious problem that cannot be forgiven. Informants in this study 15 of them chose to divorce their partners because of a third person. The presence of a third person is like a parasite living and gnawing at the household. This affair occurs regardless of one's social status, level of education and type of work. Marriage age is also not a guarantee of household permanence without third person interference [7]. The social backgrounds and demographics of the informants varied. Judging from various levels from SMA to S3, the level of education does not guarantee being tempted by other men / women. Affair committed by a legal partner is very painful and can be difficult to forgive. Informants who feel betrayal from their partners prefer to separate / divorce and seek peace.
- Economic reasons. Findings in the field confirm that wives who have permanent jobs and higher salaries than their husbands cause inconvenience for their husbands as leaders in the family. The obligation to support the husband and the inability to fulfill his daily needs often backfires or causes conflicts in the husband and wife's household. Based on BPS 2019 data, stated that the city of Ternate is the third most expensive city in Indonesia and has a high cost of living. This condition forces women to earn a living in both the formal and informal sectors. The income earned by the wife is also appreciated by the husband. It is common

for the husband to feel competitive and reduce his authority as the head of the household.

- Incompatibility and squabbling. Islam views divorce as something that is legalized but at the same time hated by Allah. In other words, divorce is only an emergency exit. This can be understood because of the large impact of divorce that affects not only husband and wife, but also children. It is the children who really feel the bitterness of the divorce of their parents. Incompatibility and squabbling is more on psychological aspects which include aspects of willingness to sacrifice, dyadic adjustment (two-way adjustment), equality of exchange, and perceptions of life partners which are the initial causes of divorce. It is not easy to accept a partner as they are. But there actually lies the demand for marriage commitment, as pronounced when holding a marriage contract. Unfortunately, these commitments are often not held firmly.
- Long distance relationship or LDR). The long distance marriage describes the situation of a couple who are physically separated, one partner has to go to another place for an interest, while the other partner has to stay at home / in the city (Pistole, 2010) [9]. This separation from residence causes individuals to experience various psychological conditions such as stress, feeling lonely, anxious, unstable emotions, and doubt about their partner. Long distance marriages are increasingly occurring due to various factors, one of which is the factor of education and work, which requires a husband and wife to separate for quite a long time. Maintaining a marriage for years for a long distance marriage couple is not easy considering the high divorce rate that exists. In every relationship, relationship maintenance is needed to maintain the relationship so that it is not damaged, especially in the marriage relationship between husband and wife who are undergoing a long distance marriage, where the husband and wife rarely meet for any reason. Some divorce actors admit that the divorce occurred due to long distances and did not meet for several months, resulting in a crisis of trust in the couple. The LDR opens the door to an affair.
- Domestic Violence (KDRT) generally the contributing factor is drunkenness due to alcohol, economic factors, jealousy / infidelity factors, age factors that are not yet established, third party intervention factors (family). From several divorce cases for reasons of domestic violence that were examined by the Religious Courts, it was revealed that almost all of them occurred because they started from unhealthy marriages. From various research data, it provides an overview of how complicated and complex the problem of domestic violence is. Divorce in Ternate City due to domestic violence ranks 5th with the various triggers mentioned above. However, sometimes the informants did not realize that the violence perpetrated by their partners was classified as domestic violence.

IV. CONCLUSION

Divorce occurs as a result of shifting the meaning and purpose of marriage, socio-economic conditions do not

guarantee avoidance of a married couple from divorce. Divorce can occur at any time regardless of the age of marriage. The main causes of divorce are infidelity / third parties, economic reasons, incompatibility, Relationship long distance or LDR (long distance relationship) and domestic violence. The ease of divorce occurs because of the lack of understanding of the purpose of marriage and a lack of commitment to maintaining a household that has been built. Marriage commitment is not sufficient to only come from one of the partners, but commitment must come and be built together by both partners. More than that, the commitment that has been built between the partners in a marriage really needs consistency in its implementation to maintain and maintain that commitment in order to achieve a marriage that is *sakinah, mawadah, and warahmah*.

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