Abstract

The regional heads breaking political promises is not only common in the Indonesian system. In several other countries this is also happening. Research conducted by Susan C. Stokes (2001), a professor of Political Science at the University of Chicago, on 44 cases of presidential elections in 15 Latin American countries during the period 1982-1995 showed that there was a fairly high tendency for campaign promises to be broken. There are symptoms that politicians do try to ingratiate themselves with voters when campaigning, but as soon as they are elected they determine policies as they please without caring about the preferences of their voters. Elections as a social contract certainly guarantee the rights and obligations of voters on the one hand and the rights and obligations of leaders on the other.

The Regional Head Election Campaign Process in the case of the broken political promise of the regional head in Ogan Komering Ilir Regency revealed his Vision and Mission, namely Building Infrastructure from village to village but which has not yet been fulfilled. The regional head has resigned and is running to become a member of the DPR-RI in 2024. In Islam itself, according to Al-Mawardi in his book "Al-Ahkam As-Sulthaniyyah" regional heads have an ethical and legal responsibility to fulfill their political promises. Breaking political promises was put forward by several other thinkers such as Ibn Taimiyah, Sayyid Qutb and Ali Shariati who explained that it was considered a violation of moral obligations and could damage government stability and manage public affairs with policies that were in accordance with Islamic values.

Will be studied in this research is the Islamic political perspective on the broken political promises of regional heads in Ogan Komering Ilir (OKI) Regency regarding responsibility and law for fulfilling their political promises. This type of research is descriptive qualitative as a result of literature data processing using primary data sources from the book Al-Ahkam As-Sulthaniyyah as well as secondary data and so on. The theoretical concepts used by researchers are Power, Political Promise, and Leadership in Islam.

The results of this research show that there has been a broken political promise by the regional head in Ogan Komering Ilir (OKI) in the form of a promise to improve infrastructure from village to village. During his tenure as Regent there were still promises that had not been fulfilled, namely repairing roads which were the center of the economy. With duties as a leader that have not yet been carried out, as a leader you should first carry out the mandate that has been entrusted to you and not abandon it. Leadership in Islam is seen as a trust that must be held accountable in this world and the hereafter. Breaking political promises must be avoided in Islam.

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