

Abstract

The moral degradation in politics is increasingly prevalent in Indonesia. One example is the corruption case related to the construction project of Masjid Raya Sriwijaya in South Sumatra Province, Palembang City. This political moral degradation not only tarnishes the image of the relevant leaders but also undermines public trust in the government. This research aims to understand the impact of political moral degradation in Islam and efforts to address it.

The research method used in this study is qualitative descriptive with a case study approach. Data was collected through interviews with Mr. Benny David Sandy, the Government Officer in the Jakabaring District, and Mr. Khaidirman, the Investigator Officer in the South Sumatra High Prosecutor's Office, as well as a literature review on Islamic political thought regarding political morality, particularly from the perspective of Ibn Khaldun.

The discussion results from the moral political degradation in the case of the Sriwijaya Grand Mosque corruption have impacts such as the delay in the mosque's construction and the decline in public trust towards the government. Furthermore, efforts to address the moral political degradation of Islam in this case include transparency in public fund management, strict law enforcement, and education regarding the dangers of corruption. Political morality based on the perspective of Islamic political thought, such as morality, integrity, and honesty, is essential in addressing this issue. This approach emphasizes the importance of instilling moral political values to prevent the recurrence of corruption cases in the future.

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