



The Role of Village Government in Maintaining Security Stability in Harefa Village, North Nias Regency

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Abstract

The study aims to find out the role of the village government in maintaining stability in the village, why there are still cases of crime and how the government is dealing with crime in the Northern District of Harefa. The purpose of the descriptive approach is to describe the process of conducting research that begins with observation. The research instrument used in this study is the researcher himself using his cell phones as a tool to record all the conversations, the results of images as real evidence, and the notebook that serves to record conversations with data sources or informants. The data collection techniques used are interviews, observations, and documentation. The results of the research and discussions concluded that: First, the role of the government of Harefa village in maintaining the stability of the security of the village is to establish a good relationship of cooperation with the security authorities and the village people, the village government as a facilitator to resolve the crime cases that occurred, the three government of village sanctions for the perpetrators of crimes are either customary sanctions or government sanctions. And the four heads of village as the leader in the village will try their best to create security for the people. And the third effort of the village government in dealing with crime cases is to start from itself to create security, the second to socialize about order and security, and the third village government will provide aid to the people.

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Introduction

Government is an organization that has the authority to regulate communications in a particular region, which is generally a state. The definition of government is as follows: Government is an organization of power, not always related to the organization of the armed forces, but two or a group of people prepared by an organization to realize their common intentions, with things that provide explanation for the general affairs of society.

A village is a legal community entity that has the authority to manage and

regulate the interests of the local community based on local origins and customs in the national governance system and is located in the district area (Arthadana, 2020; Dewi, 2018). A village is a legal community that has the authority to regulate and manage governmental affairs, public interests based on the initiative of the community, rights of origin and or traditional things that are recognized and respected in the system of government of the united republic of Indonesia (Amallia, 2019; Endah, 2018).

Village government is the lowest layer of the government system in

Indonesia. Where the village government itself is in direct contact with the people who have the hope in carrying out their duties can run effectively and efficiently. The village government is the village chief with the help of the village system as an element of maintenance of village government (Nurjayadi et al., 2021; Sennen, 2019).

According to the provisions of article 26 of the Act No. 6 of 2014 on villages, the village chief is responsible for ensuring the governance of the village, carrying out the village construction, civilisation of villagers, and empowering villagers. To carry out his duties, the town chief has the duty to promote a safe and orderly village.

Peace and order are closely linked to the security of a village, which is one of the hopes that villagers want to carry out daily activities (Sahyana, 2017). All villagers very much want a village that is quiet and ordered and avoided from all kinds of crimes, acts and threats that can harm and destroy all forms of life of villagers, whether committed by local communities or other villagers. Security is a state of safety and tranquility, security not only prevents pain or injury, but security can also make individuals safe in their activities, reduce anxiety and increase well-being, so it can be said that when we feel free and not in danger we are already in the category of safe.

The stability of security and public order is one of the supporting factors of the implementation of the government's development programme for the realization of a just, prosperous and civilized Indonesian society (Saputri, 2023). The State Police of the Republic of Indonesia has an important duty and role in ensuring such stability. Law No. 2 of 2002 on the State police of the republic of Indonesia Article 5 para. 1 states that: "The State Police is the instrument of the State that plays a role in preserving the security and order of the people, enforcing the law, and providing protection, support and service to the

people in order to preserve the security of the country".

Maintaining the stability of village security is one of the main tasks of the village devices and especially to the village chief to perform his duties. As for the security of villages, it is part of maximizing the peace of the villagers so that they can be more orderly, peaceful, and quiet.

Efforts to enhance the stability of the village's security are of paramount importance. Although the government has guaranteed the safety of every citizen, by deploying law enforcement apparatus such as police and army, the village government remains responsible for the security of its respective villages (Saputra, 2023).

According to the results of observations in the village of Harefa, there are still some incidents that are detrimental to the community, such as fighting, theft of crops, livestock, property and also based on the result of interviews with one of the government apparatus of the village that at the end of January 2023 there were reports from the public that they often see unknown or suspicious people with the aim of intimidating people who want to carry out their daily activities. This makes the public uncomfortable and afraid to perform their activities, especially at night.

Research Methods

The approach used by researchers to conduct research is a descriptive approach. As to the purpose of using this description approach is to disclose or obtain information from research data in a comprehensive, extensive and in-depth manner. This research uses the type of research that is interactive (interconnected), participatory (participatory), and understandable from the perspective of the people involved in this research.

In qualitative research, which includes the instrument or instrument of research is the researcher himself. Therefore, researchers as instruments must also "validate" how far the qualitative researchers are prepared to undertake

further research. Validation of the researcher as an instrument includes validation of understanding of qualitative research methods, mastery of insight into the fields studied, readiness of researchers to enter the research objects, both academically and logistically. In this research the researchers themselves are the instruments that serve to set the focus of research, choose informants as data sources, conduct data collection, evaluate data quality, analyze data, interpret data and make conclusions on their findings. On the process of data collection this research is observation techniques, interviews, and documentation. In this case, the data collection tool can be done using electronic facilities using HP as a voice recorder and photographing.

Result And Discussion

Researchers conduct research in Harefa village using qualitative methods (observasi atau pengamatan langsung, wawancara dan dokumentasi di lapangan). As to what is being discussed in this study is the role of the Harefa village government inining the stability of the village security, why there are still cases of crime in the village of Harefa, and what efforts are being made by the Government of the Village Harefa in dealing with the crime case.

1. History of the village of Harefa

Harefa Village is one of the villages in Tugala Oyo, Northern Nias district, northern Sumatra province, Indonesia. The village of Harefa, like any other village that has a profile and history of its formation, has a wide range of potential and diversity in society both in terms of employment.

About fifty years ago, some heads of the Marca Waruwu family were believed to be from So'i'iwa, colonized the area around the river river, and found one of the uninhabited areas exactly under the command of the village of Harefa to this day. Then bring family and live in this area that was once a desert area. Since it has

begun to settle, it begins to open up the farms. Years of family development to become a village. After becoming a village, he began to become a customary officer with the presence of Balugu, and then joined Ori Talu Oyo. Around 1958 it was proposed and established as a village headed by a man called the village head.

The village of harefa is one of the villages in the territory of NKRI which has been recognised as a constitution by the Indonesian government. The village of Harefa is in the Tugala Oyo district of North Nias district, North Sumatra province. Harefa village was founded in 1965 in Mandrehe district of Nias. Harefa town is located in the Mandreche district with Alasa district. (Sebelum pemekaran Kabupaten Nias, 2008).

2. The role of the Government of Harefa Village inining the stability of village security

According to the Great Dictionary of Indonesian Language, a role is a device of behavior of a person that is expected to be possessed by people in the community. The village government has such an important role inining the stability of the village's security. It is a great bet on the comfort and well-being of the local people, if the role of the government is performed well then the people will feel comfortable in the activity.

Security is a state of safety and tranquility. (Endah, 2018). Security not only prevents pain or injury, but security can also make individuals safe in their activities, reduce stress and improve overall health, so that we can conclude that when we feel free and not in danger we are already in the category of safe.

As for some of the roles of the village government in stabilizing the village security, what the researchers have achieved during the research is the first to cooperate against the community and the security authorities, the second to be facilitators to resolve the cases that occurred, and the three village governments

strive to keep the village safe so that a safe village is created.

3. Why There Are Still Cases of Crime in Harefa Village

According to the results of interviews from Harefa village there are some that are the cause of still occurring cases of crime in harefa village influenced by some factors such as the absence of security officers, low income and lack of determination of the village government in resolving the crime case that occurred. The same applies to the opinion of (Saputri, 2023) as follows:

- a) The importance of security officers The primary duty of the security officer in general is to maintain security and order in the workplace and its environment, which includes aspects of physical security, personnel, information and other technical security as well as protecting and protecting citizens at work and their environment.
- b) Low incomes Very low productivity leads to low incomes, which results in poor economy of the people in the conduct of their daily lives. The dominance of the agricultural sector as the livelihood of the population can be seen in rural areas. Up to now, the jobs available in the rural areas are still dominated by agriculture.
- c) The importance of good and accurate decision-making The significance of decision making determines the progress of the problem of a case, if the decision making is unfair or not in accordance with the established basis then it can harm the victim.

Pursuant to article 6 of the Perkapolri No. 24/2007, which essentially states that the duty of the police officer is to maintain security and order in its environment/place of work, which includes aspects of physical security, personnel, information and other technical security. In addition, the function of the security guard is to protect and safeguard the workplace from any security disturbance, as well as enforcing the rules and regulations in force in its workplace.

Based on the above description, it can be concluded that the population is still low-income with low education, low opinion level, lack of rigour in the decision-making of each case, and the absence of security officers. With these shortcomings, there are still cases of crimes that can harm the local community.

4. What efforts are being made by the Harefa Village Government in dealing with crime cases

According to Sennen (2019) self-awareness is the ability to recognize feelings and why we feel them like that and the influence of our behavior on others. According to Amallia (2019) self-consciousness is the understanding of his physical peculiarities, devotion, character and temperament: knowing his natural talents and having a clear picture or concept of himself with all his strengths and weaknesses. With our own awareness of the security of the village, we have indirectly reduced the incidence of crime. With socialization, it can strengthen relationships between societies, acquire knowledge from a society, and form a unique personality.

According to Permensos No. 5 of 2021, expenditure on social assistance is an attempt by the government to protect the people who are unable to benefit the poor from the possibility of social risk by spending the state to the people of the category of poor, unable, or vulnerable not to be returned to the state or taken as a result of a transfer of money. With social assistance, the poor will help their economic growth and can generate a positive impact on the society. Based on the above description can be summarized with the efforts in the above picture can help the society to reduce the incidence of crime.

Conclusion

Based on the results of the research, the researchers draw the following conclusion:

1. The role of the Harefa village government inining the stability of the village security is to establish good cooperation relations with the security authorities and the village community, the village government as a facilitator to resolve the crime cases that occurred, the three village governments sanction the perpetrators of crimes either customary sanctions or government sanctions and the four village heads as leaders in the village will try their best to create security for the community.
2. The cause of the criminal cases in the village of Harefa is the absence of local officers in the country, the low income of the community, the lack of rigour of the village government in decision-making.
3. The efforts of the village government in dealing with crime cases are to start from itself to create security, second to socialize about order and security, and the three villages will provide assistance to the people.

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