

## IMPROVING THE COMMUNITY'S UNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MANASIK OF HAJJ AND UMRAH IN THE NEW NORMAL ERA

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### ABSTRACT

The pilgrimage is one of the worships that exist in Islamic religious law which is contained in the fifth pillar of Islam which must be carried out by a Muslim who has been able to carry it out. In practice, the pilgrimage requires special knowledge related to a series of activities ranging from a trip to the Baitullah of Mecca to perform tawaf around the Kaaba and various other series of worship. The rituals of Hajj and Umrah basically aim to provide education to prospective pilgrims and the general public about the procedures for carrying out Hajj and Umrah in the new normal era according to the guidance of the Prophet sallallaahu 'alaihi wassalam so as to avoid confusion and mistakes that can damage the perfection of the implementation of the pilgrimage and Umrah in the Baitullah. This activity was carried out on the basis of the author's concern that the many Hajj and Umrah guidelines circulating among the public were not in accordance with the conditions and rules that apply in the new normal era and often ignored the guidance of the Hajj and Umrah pilgrimages exemplified by the Prophet sallallaahu 'alaihi wassalam. The delivery method is carried out using an offline system which is delivered through lectures, discussions and questions and answers. The results of the activity provided a positive aspect in increasing understanding, knowledge of the community, and participants who took part in this PkM activity.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Hajj and Umrah rituals are one of the important activities that must be followed by prospective pilgrims who will perform the Hajj and Umrah pilgrimages to the Baitullah. According to the Indonesian Dictionary, ritual is a demonstration of the implementation of the pilgrimage in accordance with its pillars. From this understanding, we can understand that the Umrah ritual activity is an activity to demonstrate the implementation of Umrah worship as exemplified by the Prophet Muhammad sallallaahu 'alaihi wassalam. Complete Umrah rituals are guided by a mentor with a strong Islamic religious education background and are also required to have a leadership spirit, adherence to rules and procedures (Adwimurti, 2021).

The rituals of Hajj and Umrah are essentially a combination of guidance, rituals, and Hajj/Umrah. Where since the beginning of its emergence, guidance aims to direct individuals through their own efforts to determine and develop their abilities in order to obtain social benefits. Meanwhile, according to W.S Winkel, guidance means "giving assistance to a group of people in making wise choices in making adjustments to life's guidelines" (Hastuti, 2004).

The assistance in question is in the form of encouragement and psychological reinforcement, not in the materialist realm. This assistance aims to provide self-understanding and training in dealing with certain situations in different communities during the Hajj and Umrah pilgrimages. Hajj is an activity of worshipping Allah subhanahu wa ta'ala but with several rituals and different places and different times, so that prospective pilgrims will be required to be able to adjust conditions and situations so that there are no mistakes in worship that are far from perfect (Nasrullah et al. al., 2019). Considering a series of obligatory pilgrimages performed by pilgrims not only done alone but together with millions of other Muslims from various countries (Yuliar & Putri, 2021).

However, the reality on the ground shows that Muslims still have a weak level of understanding about some of the provisions of the pilgrimage and excessive worries. These concerns are due to differences in social and cultural conditions such as differences in language, customs/traditions, civilizations and behavioral systems (Widiastuti, 2017). Unfortunately, the facts on the ground state that the Hajj rituals as the main media for the provision of Hajj and Umrah are only carried out a few times in a short period of time and sometimes not all of the material has been conveyed (Choliq, 2018). This condition should be a focus that must be resolved, considering the emergence of confusion problems during the implementation of the Hajj and Umrah pilgrimages due to an incomplete understanding due to lack of literacy and preparation/manicures for Hajj and Umrah, especially in the new normal era (Wati & Zakia, 2018).

In this activity, prospective Umrah pilgrims will receive training related to the implementation of Umrah worship, such as the pillars of Umrah, obligatory Umrah, requirements, sunnah practices, and prohibitions during Umrah worship. In this ritual, prospective pilgrims also receive socialization about various things, for example the regulations

from the kingdom of Saudi Arabia regarding the implementation of the Umrah worship as well as the agenda or series of Umrah travel schedules in the new normal era. The debriefing is provided in the form of materials and practices (Asiyah et al., 2019).

The existence of hajj activities in the new normal era as it is today, of course requires all parties to take preventive actions, so that the spread of Covid-19 both in the country of origin and the country of destination can be prevented or further minimized (Saidun, 2020). Realizing this condition, the Ministry of Health of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia immediately issued several recommendations regarding the conditions for Hajj and Umrah pilgrims in 2022 to prevent the spread of Covid-19 cases during worship in the Baitullah of Mecca.

The following are some points for the conditions for Hajj and Umrah pilgrims in 2022 issued by the Ministry of Health of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, including:

Under 65 years old

Have received a full dose of WHO-approved COVID-19 vaccine

Have received the meningitis vaccine

Attach negative PCR results (max. 3 x 24 hours)

Have a Saudi Arabian International Certificate (KSA [Tawakkalna]) which can be madethrough the PeduliLindung application

This PkM (Community Service) activity aims to provide education to prospective pilgrims and the general public about the procedures for carrying out Hajj and Umrah in the new normal era

according to the guidance of the Prophet Muhammad sallallaahu 'alaihi wassalam so as to avoid confusion and mistakes that can damage perfection. Hajj and Umrah in the Baitullah. This activity is also carried out on the basis of concern that the many Hajj and Umrah guidelines circulating among the public are not updated with the new normal rules that apply in Saudi Arabia and often ignore the guidance of the Hajj and Umrah pilgrimages exemplified by the Prophet Muhammad sallallaahu 'alaihi wassalam.

## 2. METHOD

In general, counseling is carried out in an environment that is dominated by people who do not have adequate knowledge regarding the procedures for carrying out the Hajj and Umrah pilgrimages. PkM activities related to the discussion material on "Increasing Public Understanding About the Implementation of Hajj and Umrah Manasik in the New Normal Era" were carried out offline through lectures, discussions and questions and answers and were held on August 25, 2022, starting at 08.00 - 13.00 WIB. The event took place at the Blue Sky Premier Lounge on Jalan Husein Sastranegara No. kav. 1, Benda Village, Benda District, Tangerang City, Banten Province which was attended by the following counseling participants:

Table 1. Demographics of PkM Participants

Participant Category	Description
General Public Participants	57 people
Candidates for Hajj & Umrah Pilgrims	48 people
<b>Total</b>	<b>105 people</b>

With the community service located in Benda Village, Benda District, Tangerang City, BantenProvince, it is hoped that it can help the problems that are being faced by the community. Therefore, this socialization activity certainly has the opportunity to provide understanding andself-training to the community regarding the conditions and rules that apply in Saudi Arabia inthe new normal era as well as the implementation of the Hajj and Umrah rituals in accordance with the guidance of the Prophet Muhammad sallallaahu 'alaihi wassalam.

## 3. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

After making an approach with the community, identifying problems for several days, there were several problems faced by the community, the authors found the problems that existed inBenda Village, Benda District, Tangerang City, Banten, namely knowledge about the rituals ofHajj as follows (1) lack of knowledge about rituals of Hajj and Umrah (2) lack of knowledge about how to perform Hajj and Umrah rituals. Remembering that the pilgrimage and umrah are a journey to the Baitullah to worship Allah subhanahu wa ta'ala. Prospective pilgrims who want to go to the Baitullah to perform worshipmust be economically, physically and spiritually capable. There are many activities carried out during the pilgrimage, among others, ihram, wukuf, tawaf, sa'i, and tahallul. Knowledge related to the pilgrimage, for example, the law is that the pilgrimage is obligatory for every Muslim who is mature and able to carry it out. Therefore,

a person who is not yet mature, even though he is able, is not obligated to perform Hajj. Other knowledge about Hajj and Umrah such as legal requirements, pillars, and obligatory Hajj and Umrah to morals, wisdom, and health can be accepted by prospective pilgrims during the guidance of Hajj and Umrah rituals. Therefore, pilgrims must understand what knowledge is about the rituals of Hajj and Umrah, with the understanding gained during the Hajj rituals, it is hoped that prospective pilgrims can perform their worship in accordance with the provisions of Islamic law so that their mabrur pilgrimage is not in vain (Japeri, 2017).

The following is evidence of the implementation of PkM activities on "Increasing Public Understanding of the Implementation of Hajj and Umrah Manasik in the New Normal Era" which was held at the Blue Sky Premier Lounge on Jalan Husein Sastranegara No. kav. 1, Benda Village, Benda District, Tangerang City, Banten Province which is presented in Figure 4.1.







The results of this PKM contribute to the community and prospective pilgrims for Hajj and Umrah, including the following:

**Understanding the Procedures for Hajj and Umrah**

When following the rituals of Hajj and Umrah, later pilgrims will be given an understanding of the mandatory requirements, pillars, sunnah of Hajj and Umrah and things that are prohibited during Hajj and Umrah. Through Hajj

and Umrah rituals, prospective pilgrims will also be provided with prayers as well as procedures for carrying out the Hajj and Umrah pilgrimages.

#### Media to Get to Know Other Prospective Congregants

By following the Umrah rituals, of course you will meet other prospective pilgrims. So that you can get to know other prospective pilgrims who will be able to help each other when they need help when undergoing Hajj and Umrah.

#### Gaining Knowledge of Conditions While in the Holy Land

Another benefit of Hajj and Umrah rituals is that prospective pilgrims will gain knowledge about the Hajj and Umrah regulations that apply in Saudi Arabia during the new normal. Then the weather conditions in the Holy Land, which tend to be hot and scorching, are certainly different from those in Indonesia. So that later prospective Umrah pilgrims can anticipate and prepare for the weather differences.

#### Media Understanding Arabic Conversation

The benefits of Hajj and Umrah rituals that prospective pilgrims do not find if they do not participate in this activity are as a medium for understanding basic conversations in Arabic. When attending the Hajj and Umrah rituals, prospective pilgrims will be taught Arabic conversation that is often used by other pilgrims when in the Holy Land. The goal is that prospective pilgrims can communicate with other pilgrims or with officers who supervise when experiencing confusion.

#### Knowing the Solution When There is a Disaster During Umrah

Finally, the benefits of Hajj and Umrah rituals are that prospective pilgrims will be provided with knowledge about solutions when a disaster or event occurs during the Hajj and Umrah pilgrimages. Such as anticipation and self-evacuation process in case of riots, floods, and fires.

After understanding the benefits of the Hajj and Umrah rituals, the perfect implementation of the Hajj and Umrah is a non-negotiable thing for every Muslim who will go to the holy land even though it is not an easy matter to realize. Considering that every pilgrim is required to be able to understand every provision of worship, whether it is obligatory, permissible, or even prohibited in the procedures for Hajj and Umrah (Nasiri & Solehatunnisa, 2022).

### **Results Supporting Factors**

The positive response was shown by the community and prospective hajj and umrah pilgrims in Benda Village. Where they are very enthusiastic about community service activities in their place, with the enthusiasm of the community in Benda Village, it is hoped that it can affect the smoothness of similar service activities in the future. Many received support, advice, and encouragement from several stakeholders, and the community in Benda Village.

### **Result Inhibiting Factors**

Inhibiting factors in doing community service include, the community does not understand what Hajj and Umrah rituals are, the lack of adequate facilities for writers to socialize, the community is less concerned about things like this service.

## **4. CONCLUSION**

Some things that can be concluded from the results of the training / counseling on the rituals of Hajj and Umrah are as follows; 1) The understanding of the community, especially the prospective pilgrims towards the Hajj and Umrah pilgrimages, can be improved by holding this training (practice) for the Hajj and Umrah rituals; 2) The skills of the community, especially prospective pilgrims in implementing the procedures for the Hajj and Umrah pilgrimages, can be increased by holding the training activities (practices) for the Hajj and Umrah rituals; 3) Community motivation, especially prospective pilgrims to perfect the 5th pillar of Islam (hajj) can be fostered through holding training activities (practices) for Hajj and Umrah rituals; 4) Community understanding and skills, especially for prospective Umrah pilgrims, can be increased by holding training activities (practices) for Hajj and Umrah rituals; 5) The motivation of the community, especially prospective pilgrims to fulfill the obligation to carry out the Hajj and Umrah pilgrimages can be increased through the holding of training activities (practices) of Hajj rituals.

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