

ABSTRACT

This research is to analyze the shift of political behavior of Nahdlatul Ulama (NU), a Religious organization, from previously cultural oriented to structural one in social-political context post-new Order Regime. This study uses a case of NU Jember organization in East Java.

Methodologically, this study uses qualitative approach. The analyzed unit is the Organization of NU Jember and the autonomous divisions under the organization. The framework of the theory and the concept used to analyze the existed phenomenon are theory of behavior and theory of state and civil society. The theory, concept, and approaches are not proved, rather used as the starting point to explain the phenomenon of political behavioral shift of NU Jember organization.

The selection of Jember as research area is based on locality aspect. Besides, in this area the NU organization tends to be progressive, militant even radical in responding every social-political change. Documenting and interviewing are the techniques for collecting the required data. There are three plots of activity to analyze the data collected. *First*, data reduction; this activity is to underlie, classify, and eliminate the unnecessary data and to organize the necessary ones. *Second*, data presentation; this activity is to present structured information; from this presentation there will be possibility to derive a conclusion. *Third*, conclusion deriving or verification.

The result of the study showed that the shift of cultural political behavior of NU Jember post-New Order Regime occurred since the establishment of PKB party. There were three cases that brought the organization into political practice: *first*, the mass mobilization in 1999-political campaign for the victory of PKB Jember as well as the establishment of ready-to-die soldiers to guard the position of Gus Dur as president. *Second*, the involvement of NU Jember in the election of Bupati (*Regent*). And *third*, the taking part of NU Jember in the founding of municipal government. These three factors were responsible to the shift of political behavior of NU Jember, from cultural characteristic to structural one.

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