

ABSTRACT

ATFAL ZULFIKAR ISMAIL, 105261113620, The Perspective of the Muslim Community on Uninvited Guests at Walimah Events in Berua Village, Biringkanaya District, Makassar City. Study Program of Ahwal Syakhshiyah (Family Law), Faculty of Islamic Studies, Muhammadiyah University of Makassar. Supervised by M. Ilham Muchtar and Rapung

This study aims to: 1) describe the banquet practices at walimah (wedding feasts) in Berua Village, Biringkanaya District, Makassar City, and 2) analyze the perspectives of the Muslim community regarding uninvited guests at walimah in Berua Village, Biringkanaya District, Makassar City.

The research employs a qualitative approach with a case study method and an ethnographic perspective. Primary data were obtained through interviews and direct observations, while secondary data were collected from literature studies. Data analysis followed the interactive model of Miles and Huberman, which includes data reduction, data display, and conclusion drawing.

The findings examine the socio-cultural dynamics of walimah banquets in Berua Village, Biringkanaya District, Makassar City. The results indicate that: 1) walimah banquets in Berua function not only as a family celebration but also as a social arena that reinforces solidarity and local cultural identity. Preparations are carried out collectively by extended families and community members, characterized by the presence of traditional dishes such as *coto Makassar* and *barongko*. 2) Community perspectives on uninvited guests are dualistic. Some consider their presence acceptable and even a source of blessing, provided they do not burden the host, in line with religious values and cultural openness. Conversely, others view the practice as problematic because it can create logistical challenges, violate social norms, and diminish the respect conveyed by formal invitations. Factors underlying this phenomenon include emotional closeness, social habits, curiosity, and limited understanding of proper guest etiquette. The study concludes that the presence of uninvited guests at walimah in Berua Village is perceived in diverse ways: some accept it on the grounds of religion and solidarity, while others reject it due to logistical concerns and social etiquette.

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