# SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF CHILDREN VICTIMS OF DIVORCE IN SOMBAOPU DISTRICT, GOWA DISTRICT

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#### **Abstract**

The family is the smallest unit consisting of father, mother and children who are interdependent with one another, the family has a very important role in efforts to develop the child's personality. However, this condition will not materialize if there are family problems that lead to divorce. Divorce has a very negative impact on the psychological development of children. Children who are raised in an inharmonious family environment can destroy the mentality and morals of the child and will experience trauma because the child loses a figure or figure that they regard as an example or guide in a household. Under these conditions many of them will experience biological, psychological and other deviations. The impact of divorce on children's moral development, makes them easily affected by a negative environment such as children who are stubborn, cannot accept positive input, abuse narcotics and moral deviation. It is hoped that this article can provide an understanding that children are a mandate from Allah that we must take good care of. The role of parents must be able to educate their children so that these children do not experience deviations, so that these children always walk the path that has been prescribed in Islamic teachings.

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#### A. INTRODUCTION

Divorce is the end of a marriage or a bond. When both partners between husband and wife no longer want to continue their married life, in this case divorce can be the end of an unstable marriage where the couple between husband and wife then choose to live separately and be officially recognized by law. Divorce is a breakup because one of the husband and wife decides to leave each other so that they stop doing their obligations as husband and wife.

According to Islamic law, divorce is releasing the marriage bond or breaking up the marriage relationship between a husband and wife. With this divorce, their rights and obligations as husband and wife fall, meaning they are no longer

allowed to have sex as husband and wife, touch or be together, just like when they were not married before.

The Islamic view of the prohibition of divorce is contained in the verse of the Qur'an, namely (QS Al-Baqoroh: 227) which reads:

Translated:

"And if you are determined to do thalaq, then surely Allah is All-Hearing, All-Knowing."

This verse explains about warnings and threats: "if you do that... verily Allah is All- Hearing, All-Knowing", so that shows that divorce is not liked by Allah. As this was explained by Shaykh Ibn Utsaimin Rahiamullah.

Children are the main victims who are very hurt when they see their parents choose not to be together anymore. Children will feel afraid because of the loss of their father and mother figures. The child will be afraid of losing the attention of both parents. The fights that are often seen by a child when they are at home can have an impact on the child's psychology.

#### B. DISCUSSION I

#### 1. About Social Conditions

Society in general cannot be separated from the social conditions that occur in life, because society is a society that is interconnected with one another and other communities also interact with each other to achieve life goals, but negative social interactions will lead to negative things too.

Social conditions are conditions that are closely related to conditions or situations that exist in a particular society related to social conditions.

#### 2. About Children

According to Law Number 23 of 2002, a person under the age of 18 includes children who guarantee and protect children and their rights so that they can live, grow, develop and participate optimally in accordance with human dignity and are not subject to violence and discrimination. The basic rights of children are that

every child has the right to be able to live, grow and participate fairly in accordance with human dignity and values, and to receive protection from violence and discrimination.

Al-Ghazali argues that children are born with a balanced and healthy nature. It was their parents who gave religion to them. Children can learn bad traits from the environment they live in, from the style of life that gives them a role and from the habits they do.

# a. Child rights

Every human being has their own rights and obligations. In addition to the obligations of parents to protect and educate children, parents must also know the children's rights that must be fulfilled by every parent, as for the various types of children's rights, namely:

# 1). Right to Decent Life

Children are entitled to enjoy all the rights set out in this declaration. All children without exception however are entitled to these rights, regardless of ethnicity, skin color, gender, language, religion, opinion in the political or other fields, national origin or social level, rich or poor, descent or status, both from his own perspective and from his family's point of view.

#### 2). Right to Growth and Development

Children must be guaranteed. They must grow and develop healthily. So that physically, mentally, morally, spiritually and socially, they can develop in a healthy and proper manner in a free and dignified condition, and provide nutritious food for children so they can grow and develop properly.

# 3). Right of Protection

Child protection rights must be given like children must be protected from acts of domestic violence, sexual harassment, criminal acts, from work like adults and so on.

# 4). Right to Participate

Every child has the right to express opinions, have a voice in family meetings, have the right to complain or vent, choose education according to the interests and talents of a child.

# b. The Role of Parents Against Children

# 1). Parents as Educators

The role of parents as educators for their children is clearly not the role of parents as well as the obligation of parents to provide early education for their children to make children better individuals.

#### 2). Parents As Protectors

Parents are the protectors of their children. An easy-to-understand explanation that parents must be ready to protect their children from bad things.

#### 3). Parents As Advisors

Giving advice is something that is very synonymous with parents giving advice to children so that a child is not affected by actions that can harm the child.

## 4). The Role of Parents as Person in Charge

The role of parents as responsible for their children is a form of protection for their children. Children are of course the responsibility of parents in solving their problems because of the role of parents as protectors of their children.

#### 3. Divorce

#### a. Overview of Divorce

Divorce in the Big Indonesian Dictionary (KBBI) is the breakup of the relationship as husband and wife as a result of their failure to carry out a life and household responsibilities.

Divorce according to the Law of the Republic of Indonesia No.1 of 1994 (article 16), occurs when it is no longer possible to reconcile the husband and wife to live in harmony in a household. Divorce occurs when the divorce is declared before the court (article 18). Divorce lawsuits can be filed by the husband and wife or their proxies in court with reasons acceptable to the court concerned.

#### b. Divorce Law in Islam

Divorce or it can also be called talak is the termination of a husband and wife relationship from a legal marriage relationship according to the rules of the Islamic religion and the state.

Divorce is considered as the last resort usually taken by married couples to resolve any problems they may have. Even though it does not rule out the choice to decide on divorce, it may increase problems related to child custody.

Islam does allow divorce, but Allah hates divorce, which means, divorce is the last resort for married couples when there really is no other way out.

#### C. DISCUSSION II

## 1. Divorce Rate in Katangka Village

The Katangka sub-district is part of the government of Gowa Regency so that the vision of the Katangka sub-district is a sharpening of the vision of the Gowa Regency government. Divorce cases in the Katangka Village, Somba Opu District, Gowa Regency are still very high, where the number of divorces that occur in the Katangka Village increases every year. The causes of divorce are generally due to economic reasons which cannot provide for the family life and also the factor of violence that occurs in the household.

Divorce cases are dominated by contested divorces, most of these lawsuits are from the wife who files for divorce against her husband for divorce because only economic factors are the cause of the divorce, but not only economic factors are the cause, but other factors such as infidelity as well make the wife sue her husband for divorce.

# 2. Social Conditions of Children Victims of Divorce on Family Welfare

Social conditions are the condition of a child in which the child's parents have divorced where the child is no longer cared for by both parents who have chosen to support themselves and no longer meet the needs of the child and his family. The social conditions of children on family welfare are:

# a. Rarely Home

Divorce that occurs in a husband and wife in a family will definitely be a

burden on the minds of children who see their families experiencing these problems that these children will face throughout their lives until adulthood. The divorce that happened to his parents made the child feel inferior and inferior when he had to deal with conditions in front of other people.

The child who is a divorce victim has made a lot of effort and conveyed to his parents that the conditions he is currently facing are making the child uncomfortable with his current life. The inconvenience of life that these children have to live is caused by chaos or divorce problems with their parents.

# b. Environmentally Affected Children

Divorce is one of the causes that eliminates family attention or affection for children, so that the child can experience psychological disorders such as feeling deprived of affection, sad, disappointed, lonely and getting less attention from both parents which results in an impact on the child's social condition.

However, not all children who are victims of divorce are children who do not have bad personalities, because these traits depend on themselves which can make the failures or problems, they face at that time be a reference for the child's life to become a better person. in the future.

# c. Make Your Own Livelihood

One of the basic capital for a person to start a household is the availability of a clear source of income to meet the needs of life in the family, the continuation of family life is determined, among other things, by the smooth running of the economy, but on the other hand, chaos in the family is also triggered by substandard economic factors. Divorce that occurs between husband and wife results in non-current needs that should have become a husband's obligation to finance the needs of a child who has been living separately from a child. However, not all of these can be fulfilled so that children are forced to try to make a living on their own.

# 3. The Impact of Divorce on Children

Parental disputes that lead to divorce often make children the victims.

They will directly or indirectly feel the impact of the separation that occurred between their parents. The direct impact experienced by a child is the feeling of losing a parent figure that they usually meet every day, and the impact on the child's mental health.

As for the impact caused by a child as a result of his parents divorce, namely:

#### a. Loss of Love

One of the soul and inner needs of a child is love from other people, especially from his father and mother. Psychologically, this problem must receive serious attention, but due to the divorce experienced by both parents, the child must be willing to lose this attention and affection.

#### b. Children's Education

Both parents are the first educators for a child, the task of both parents is to be able to guide their child to become a good person for the future, the task of both parents is to provide positive input or advice so that the child can develop well. Divorce that occurs between husband and wife will have a negative impact on children's current education.

# c. Feelings of Revenge, Anger and Blaming His Parents

At the time of divorce, it is the child who must bear the burden caused by both parents. The child will think that both parents don't care about the child and the child doesn't even want to meet one of the parents anymore because the child feels he doesn't care anymore.

#### d. Rude Attitude

It cannot be denied that a child will certainly develop and grow well with a peaceful and fine household. Broken home children have trauma or bad experiences that make them behave like their parents. Rude attitude is one of them that ultimately makes the child think that this attitude is permissible.

#### D. CONCLUSSION

- 1. In the view of Islamic law, divorce is the most hated thing by Allah because the divorce will have a negative impact on the psychological development of children. Children who are raised in a family environment that is not harmonious can destroy the mental and moral in children. In general, children who grow up in this environment will experience trauma because these children will feel they have lost a figure they consider as an example or guide in a household so that they do not feel comfortable in their family environment so that these children prefer or seek pleasure outside the home. Under these conditions many of them will experience biological, psychological and other deviations.
- 2. Impact of divorce on children's moral development. In general, children who grow up in a family environment that is not harmonious will make them children who are easily affected by negative environments such as children who will have stubborn characteristics, cannot accept positive input, abuse narcotics and moral deviations. In this case parents are the first educators for a child so that the child does not experience problems during the process of development and growth of a child.

# **E. IMPLICATIONS**

- 1. Starting from the appearance of behavior that does not respect one another, the main goal of marriage is due to moral deduction in humans and the further away of religious education in adolescents. So it is better to conduct discussions on morals and ethics as well as religious education from an early age starting from the family environment itself.
- 2. To parents that children are a mandate from Allah that we must take good care of, the role of parents must be able to educate their children so that these children do not experience deviations, so that these children always walk the path that has been prescribed in Islam.

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