



THE LAW IF SLANDER AND LIE AGAINST EACH OTHER WHEN PLAYING GAME AMONG US

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ABSTRACT

Playing games has become a habit and can even become our hobby. And almost everyone has a cellphone that contains various games. Especially now that there is a digital game or online game called among us. Where there are 15 players (Crewmate) and one or two of them will be the killer (Impostor) and the impostor will disguise himself as a crewmate and make alibis and slander other players. What makes me interested in discussing this is because I want to know the view of Islamic law against slandering each other only through playing games or only through a typing (Chat). The method used in this research is to interview several people who play Among Us and combined with several sources derived from journals found on the internet. From this research, slandering each other in the game Among Us is fine because the intention is not to slander each other but to strategize in the game.

Keywords; slander, among us.

ABSTRAK

Bermain game sudah menjadi kebiasaan bahkan bisa menjadi sebuah hobi kita. Dan hampir Setiap orang mempunyai handphone yang isinya macam-macam game. Apalagi sekarang ada Sebuah permainan digital atau game online bernama among us. Yang dimana disana ada 15 Pemain (Crewmate) dan salah satu atau dua diantaranya akan ada yang menjadi pembunuh (Impostor) dan sang impostor ini akan menyamar menjadi crewmate dan membuat alibi-alibi Serta memfitnah pemain yang lain. Yang membuat saya tertarik membahas ini adalah karena Ingin mengetahui pandangan hukum islam terhadap saling memfitnah Hanya lewat bermain game atau hanya lewat sebuah ketikan (Chat). Metode yang di gunakan di penelitian ini adalah dengan mewawancarai beberapa orang yang bermain Among Us tersebut dan dipadukan dengan beberapa sumber yang berasal dari jurnal yang terdapat di internet. Dari penelitian ini saling memfitnah dalam game Among Us itu boleh-boleh saja karena niatnya bukan saling memfitnah tapi strategi dalam permainan.

Kata kunci ; memfitnah, among us.

INTRODUCTION

The game among us has become viral or famous throughout the world in 2020 especially during the pandemic in the midst of covid 19. The game carries a very unique theme, namely by slandering other players or lying about the game. Among us itself was created by only 3 people, namely Forest Willard, Marcus Bromander and Amy Liu who later named their team as InnerSloth studio. This game is inspired by an old game called WereWolf which has exactly the same way of playing, namely lying and slandering each other to other players.

Among Us is a game that requires players (crewmates) to get rid of several people who are disguised as an 'impostor' or imposter among players. When playing Among Us, we will be given roles in the form of 9 crewmates and 1 or 2 impostors. The task of the crewmates is only to complete tasks such as taking out the trash, repairing electricity, using identity cards, and others. While the task of the impostor is to kill the crewmates and blindly and slander and lie that it was another crew mate who committed the murder and not him. Among us in the English dictionary the word among means 'between'. Meanwhile, the word us means 'us'. So, if we combine them, then the meaning of among us itself can mean 'among us'.

In terms of Islamic law, slandering and lying is a sin and is forbidden to be done in the real world, but what is the story if slandering or lying is only through a game on mobile or pc (computer). Is the law the same as in the real world or will it be different? Even in Indonesia, it has become a discussion whether accusations, slander and lies made in the game among us include a treatment that results in sin or not.

There are people who take issue with this game and there are also those who enjoy or enjoy this game, and some of the assumptions of the people on the Ulin platform who play among us are "it's okay to slander and lie to each other in among us because it has become its own system and algorithm that makes us slander and lie to each other, as long as when we are lied to or slandered by other players.

This is what makes the author to research the *maslahah* or Problem, which is a question also for the players among us, whether it is a sin if the players slander each other and lie when playing this game.

Based on the author's search, looking for anyone who has raised this discussion, the author takes a journal that discusses the views of Islamic Law on whether among us is haram to play. And the conclusion the author draws from the journal is of course not and it doesn't seem possible either. This makes no sense and is just a waste of time if it is declared haram. So if you still think that this game is haram or not, it's better to use the time to think like that for the better, for example making an effective strategy for playing Among Us. That's the discussion about Game Among Us haram. Of course, if you read the above the answer is no. But you also have to ask yourself, is this worth thinking about? Also follow our social media on Instagram.¹

METHODS

The study is qualitative in nature, and analyzed with a sociological approach to events in the village of Tanah Ulin Timur, sub-district of Tanah Ulin Banjarbaru. Data collection by means of interviews and document studies in accordance with the research. This is done to reveal the legal issues of mutual slander and lying when playing the game among us.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Definition of Fitnah

The word fitnah or (الفتنة) in Arabic fa-ta-na 'whose original meaning is عِلْتِبَالٌ (trial), اِنْجِمَالٌ (test), and اِرْبِئْخَالٌ (test). According to the term, slander is a communication to one or more people aimed at negatively stigmatizing an event committed by another party based on false facts that can affect a person's respect, authority, or reputation. In al-Munawwir

¹ <https://esportsku.com/game-among-us-haram-apa>

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Dictionary, the meaning of fitnah is to lure, seduce, persuade, mislead, crazy, deviate and many other words that have the same meaning as fitnah.²

Slander is a harmful verbal act, to the extent that it is stated in the word of Allah above that slander has a greater impact than murder. Hence the saying that slander is more cruel than murder. The proof of slander is found in Surah Al-Buruj verse 10:

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ فَتَنُوا الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ ثُمَّ لَمْ يَتُوبُوا فَلَهُمْ عَذَابُ جَهَنَّمَ وَلَهُمْ عَذَابُ الْحَرِيقِ

Meaning: Indeed, those who bring trials (calamities, killing, torture) upon believing men and women and then they do not repent, then they will have the punishment of Jahanam and they will have a burning torment (hell).

The Prophet said:

"Abu Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings be upon him) said: 'Do you know who the bankrupt is? The Companions replied: "The bankrupt among us is the one who has no dirhams and no wealth. The Messenger of Allah (S) said: "The bankrupt of my Ummah is the one who will come on the Day of Resurrection with the reward of praying, fasting and giving alms, but he will also come with the sins of reproaching this person, accusing this person of slander, eating this person's wealth, shedding this person's blood and beating this person. Then he will give those people from his good deeds. And if his good is exhausted before he fulfills his duty, then the evil of their sins will be taken from him and he will be thrown into Hell." [Muslim 2581].

Definition of Lie

Lying or *kazib* (كذب) is the deliberate manipulation of information, behavior, and self-image with the aim of leading others to false conclusions or beliefs. And according to

² Ahmad Warson Munawwir, Arabic-Indonesian Dictionary (Yogyakarta: Scientific Book Procurement Unit) Pesantren al-Munawwir, 1997) pp. 1032-1033

the scholars of al-Sunnah, lying is giving news about something that is false to reality, whether knowing it, intentionally or not.

The evidence for lying is in surah An-nahl verse 105:

الْكٰذِبُونَ لِلّٰهِ وَاَوْلٰٓئِكَ هُمۡ اِنَّمَا يَفْتَرِى الْكٰذِبَ الَّذِيْنَ لَا يُؤْمِنُوْنَ بِآيٰتِ

Meaning: "Those who invent falsehoods are only those who do not believe in the verses of Allah, and they are liars."

And it's in the hadith:

Abu Wail reported that Abdullah said, "The Messenger of Allah said: "Avoid lying, because lying leads to evil, and evil will lead to hell. And indeed, if a person lies and is accustomed to lying until in the sight of Allah he will be written as a liar.

Before the author discusses further about the law of mutual slander and lying when playing Games Among Us according to the views of Islamic law and the views of the community in the village of Landasan Ulin Timur. The game Among us is played by the players because they only want to entertain and release the fatigue, not doing fitnah in the game because they want to slander people and bring down other people's self-esteem. In this case the author conducted research through observation by directly seeing the land and interviewing the players in the East Landasan Ulin village area.

The view of the community itself on the game or game Among Us is a normal thing or even included in the normal category. Because according to the views of the people in the eastern ulin foundation area who play among us "this is just a game and it just so happens that this game requires us to slander each other and lie to others, in other words it is just for entertainment only and as long as we don't practice it in the real world". There are also those who think that "when playing among us, this slander is not slander but a strategy that requires us to think and arrange how we win in this game".

In the view of Islam itself lying is allowed. The example is in the story of the prophet Muhammad SAW. That is when he met an old grandmother, the grandmother asked him to pray.

Then jokingly, the Prophet told her that there were no grandmothers in heaven. After hearing that, the grandmother went home crying. After seeing the grandmother who cried, the Prophet sent his companion to explain to the grandmother. Then the Prophet said: Tell her that she cannot enter it in the state of grandmothers. Then the Prophet said: Tell him that he cannot enter it in the state of grandmothers. Mufassir Ibn Kathir in his book Tafsir Ibn Kathir explains the meaning of the verse, namely, We (Allah) return them again in a new creation that previously they were old, then became virgins and young again. After they are no longer virgins, they return to being virgins and are full of passionate love and favored by their husbands because they have changed into young, beautiful, and attractive.³

عَنِ الْحَسَنِ قَالَ: أَتَيْتُ عَجُوزًا فَقَالَتْ: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ادْعُ اللَّهَ أَنْ يُدْخِلَنِي الْجَنَّةَ. فَقَالَ: "يَا أُمَّ فُلَانٍ، إِنَّ الْجَنَّةَ لَا تَدْخُلُهَا عَجُوزٌ".
{قَالَ: فَوَلَّتْ تَبْكِي، قَالَ: "أَخْبِرُوهَا أَنَّهَا لَا تَدْخُلُهَا وَهِيَ عَجُوزٌ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ تَعَالَى يَقُولُ: {إِنَّا أَنْشَأْنَاهُنَّ إِنثَاءً. فَجَعَلْنَاهُنَّ أَبْكَارًا

Abdu Ibnu Humaid related what an old woman said. "O Messenger of Allah, pray to Allah that He may admit me into Paradise." The Messenger of Allah replied: O Ummu Fulan, no old woman will enter Paradise. So she went away crying."

So lying to entertain people is fine as long as it is the truth or as the Banjar people used to call it "Halabiu" Mahalabiu is a form of Banjar oral literature in the form of short utterances or short stories, generally no more than 15 sentences, that contain jokes or riddles. Mahalabiu usually makes people think about the connotations of the story. Although they sometimes contain riddles, mahalabiu can be distinguished from the more traditional/ancient cucupatian (Banjar riddles). The Banjar language used in mahalabiu is not heavily influenced by other languages or the Indonesian language⁴.

³ <https://kalsel.inews.id/berita/kisah-nabi-muhammad-saw-dengan-nenek-tua>.

⁴ <https://id.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mahalabiu>

CONCLUSION

So according to the author, doing slander or lying while playing among us is fine, because it has become the algorithm of the game and also seen from the story of the prophet above makes the author believe that lying or slander in the game among us is okay. But it would be nice if we avoid playing this, and can look for games that do not require us to think or doubt whether this game can produce sin when playing it.

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