

## **Using Political Geography to Identify Pattern of FBR Power As A Civil Organization in Kebayoran Lama, Indonesia**

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### **Abstract**

After the Fall of so called "Orde Baru" regime in Indonesia in the year 1998 there were a range of political reforms and introduction to real democracy, it allows freedom of voices, and one of it is the freedom to establish people movement or community. On the other hand at the same time there was a phenomenal urbanization into Jakarta that shift the origin population of Jakarta (Betawi), and it is an indication that Betawi people has been forced more and more to leave their own home into the rural area (or border side) of Jakarta city. Forum Betawi Rempug or FBR is a form of organization of Betawi people, which have their own goals to be the sources of all aspiration of Betawi people, to fight and defend their rights as well as to preserve their culture as ethnic Betawi, the "origin local people" of Jakarta. FBR tries to be the "master" or "ruler" of some Jakarta areas, but then there are other competing organizations coming with the same goals. FBR has put their signs on many entry gates of streets to symbolize that they have controll over these areas. Kebayoran Lama as one of the supporting cities of Jakarta has been populated by the Betawi people and becoming the quasi one of their bases. This paper is intended to identify and map the base of FBR areas, specially in Kebayoran Lama sub-district, with the result of spatial area about FBR areas using analytic geography of politic, which will define the pattern and other means of the FBR power as a civil society organization in Kebayoran Lama sub-district.

**Keywords:** FBR, occupied area, spatial approach, political geography

### **Introduction**

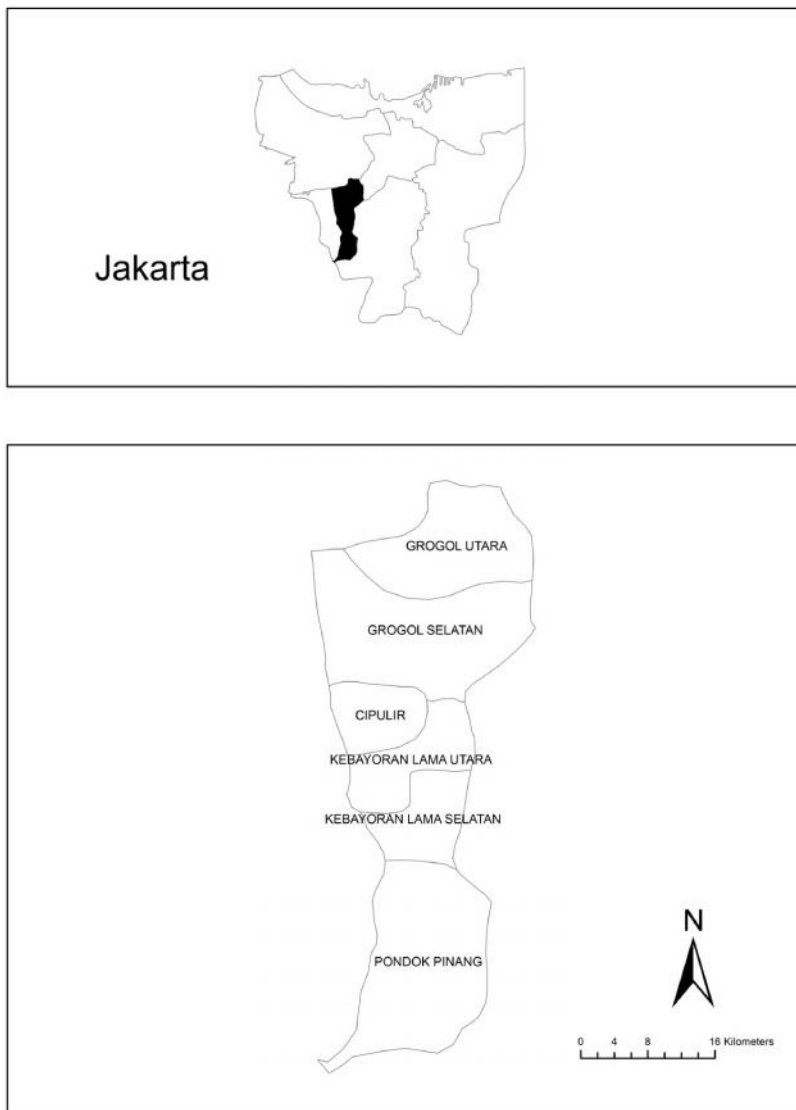
As a province with the highest of economic level, Jakarta being a main destination for inhabitant to do migration. It because they assume that Jakarta is the best place for living or starting a bussiness. Data from Demography Agency acknowledge that every after Eid Mubarak, about 150 thousands people arrive in Jakarta that wish to compete and improve the fortunes of life.

The magnitude of immigration flows into Jakart, not only to impact on the level of high population density, but also to impact the high levels of economic competition among the population. In fact the indigeneous in Jakarta, *Betawi* tribe, has become marginalized coomunities in economic competition. Betawi ethnic marginalized due to low levels of education, so that mostly Betawi tribe's generation is not living in Jakarta.

After the collapse of the Suharto regime, the reform came. In contrast to the Suharto regime that was very supervise and restrict the activities of residents, the reform provides the widest freedom. In 2001 was born a society organizations Forum Betawi Rempug (FBR), which aims to promote and ensure the Betawi tribe to get their rights as indigeneous people in Jakarta. On the practice, FBR strive to be the Jakarta's ruler in many ways even using violence to compete with other ethnic groups or organizations that frequent clashes between community organizations in Jakarta with the mastery motif of a region.

Kebayoran Lama sub-district which became the border between Jakarta and Banten Province, also became one of the maginalization lines of Betawi ethnic in Jakarta, so this could be one of the reason why this area is good for research.

### Study Area

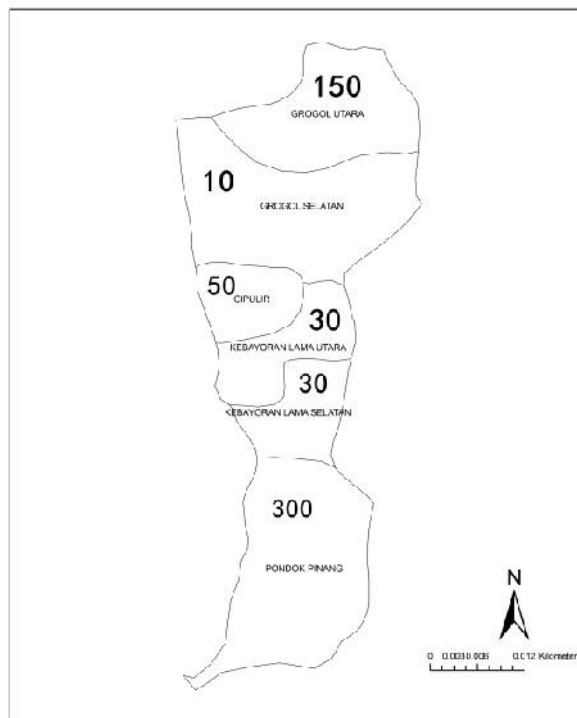


### Materials and Methods

This study using two types of data, that is primary data and secondary data. Primary data in this research is a point of interest from FBR, that can be FBR flag or postal substation (Plotting

GPS) and survey which is the interview results with residents. Secondary data in this research is from Agency of Demography and economic data about Kebayoran Lama sub-districts, and also data on the number of criminal cases involving FBR events. Secondary data obtained from the Office Kebayoran Lama sub-district and the Office of Police Kebayoran Lama Sector.

This paper using spatial analysis descriptive method. FBR's point of interest in a field survey will be related to the cases, so it can be produced three classification of region, that is low dominant region, average dominant region, and high dominant region. After that, the result of region classification will be connected to the social and economic condition of its region, so in the end it shows dominant region pattern of FBR.



*Fig. 2. Map of the number of FBR's member per urban*

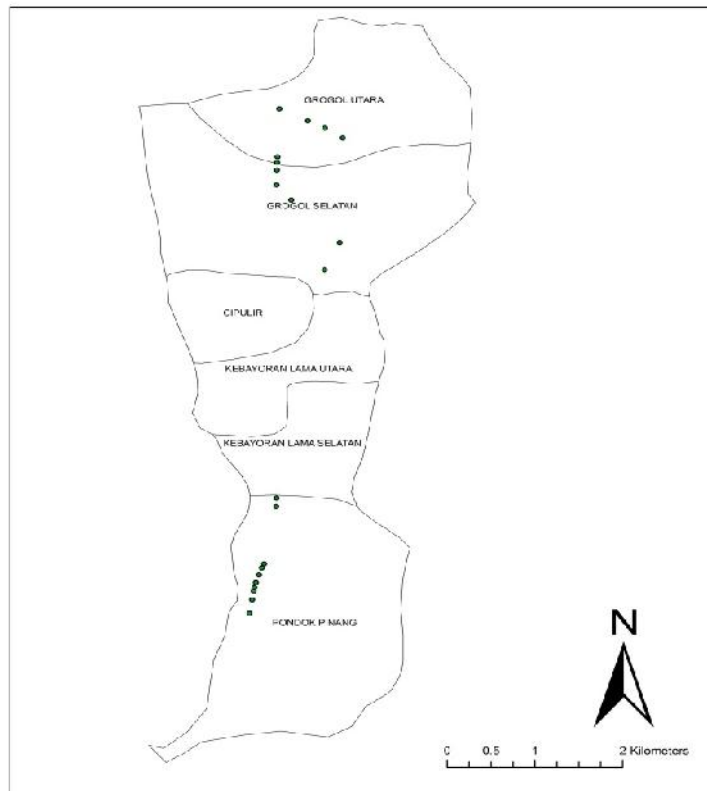
## Result

After doing the survey and interviewing with some key informants, it was found that the Kebayoran Lama district has changed into a central command FBR for South Jakarta's region. Every urban in the Kebayoran Lama sub-district is a postal substation of FBR's command, as detailed below:

## Discussion

FBR's substations are spread across six urban areas in the Kebayoran Lama sub-district, but in terms of quality, the level of dominance is different. There are two sub-districts that have been FBR's dominant

concentration, that are Pondok Pinang and Grogol Utara. In Pondok Pinang urban, FBR has the biggest number of member and also in the field of survey, found many flags of FBR in every highway of Pondok Pinang. In particular, Grogol Utara urban has an office for regional offices for South Jakarta. So the central of FBR's command for South Jakarta located in this urban and also this urban has the second big number of member after Kebayoran Lama sub-district.

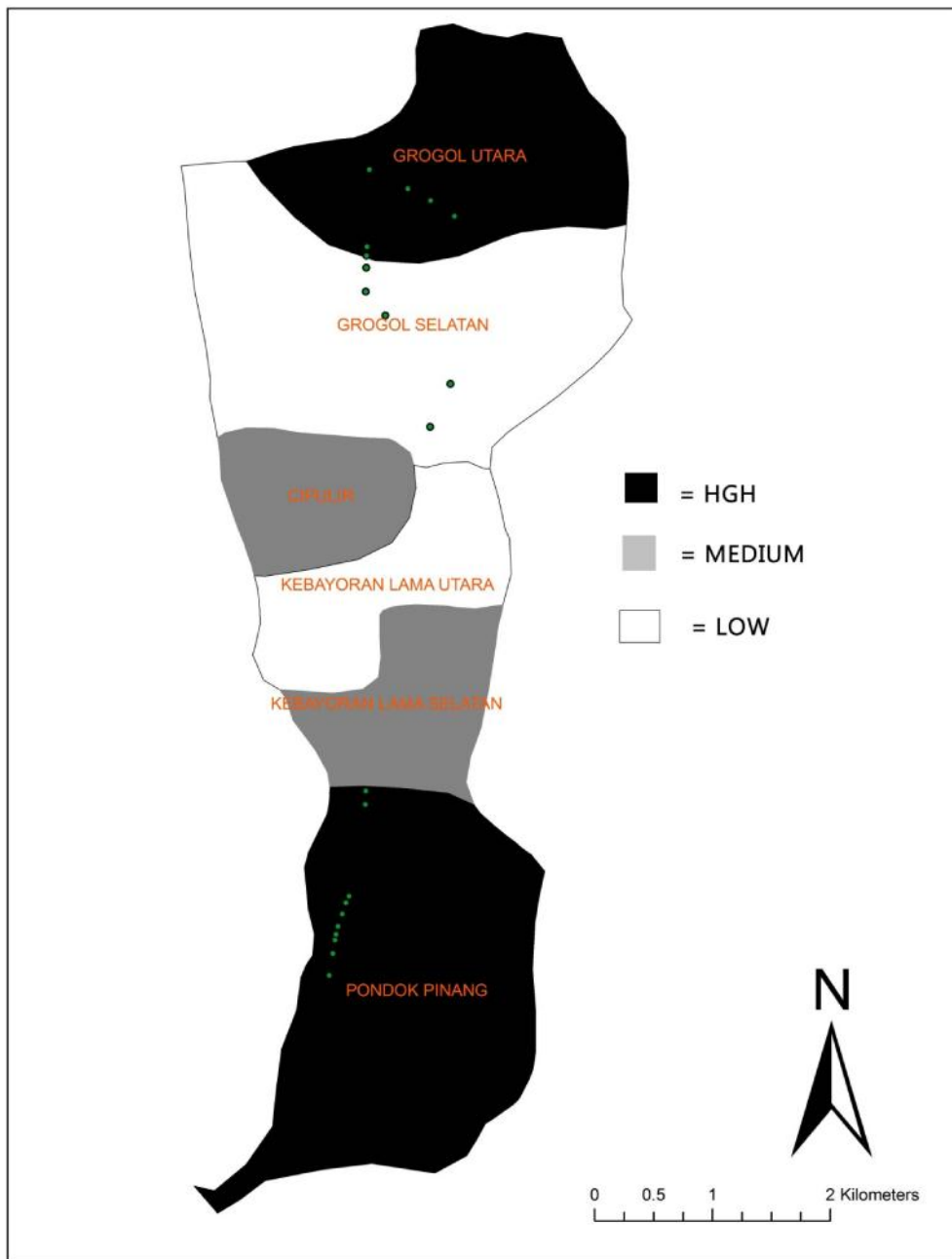


*Fig. 2. Map of FBR's flag distribution in Kebayoran Lama sub-district*

Judging from the two villages which became FBR's concentration in Kebayoran Lama sub-district, their concentrated on the village which has a high economic level. In micro level, FBR also put up the FBR's flag on commercial areas, like office, where turning roads and construction site development. In an effort to solicit funds, FBR's motif almost always use donations for orphans development. In some cases, FBR admitted giving some donations to the orphans but according to the local police, the amount of donations whose issued by FBR is not comparable with the amount of they solicit funds to the people.

### **Conclusions**

FBR dominant region in Kebayoran Lama sub-district in a shape of the mastery to the commercial land, that is parking area and the place where it some development belongs. Their dominant region pattern follows its economic level, where the region with high economic level will be controlled by FBR's member. In this case, FBR has a dominant in every urban that have a high economic level namely Pondok Pinang and Grogol Utara urban.



*Fig. 3. Map of dominance level of FBR in Kebayoran Lama sub-district*

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