

CIVIL LAW REVIEW OF THE SALE AND PURCHASE TRANSACTION OF MEGA DIAMOND EVENTS IN PUBG MOBILE GAME (CASE STUDY OF UIN MATARAM STUDENTS)

Syaiful Parawangsa¹⁾, Hery Zarkasih²⁾

^{1,2}State Islamic University (UIN) Mataram

Syaiful_parawangsa@gmail.com, heryzarkasih@uinmataram.ac.id

Abstract

This study is motivated by the researchers' attention to the review of buying and selling in the mega diamond event in the pubg mobile game which is focused on UIN Mataram students. Where researchers aim to analyze the legal aspects of the Mega Diamond event transaction in the PUBG Mobile game. The Mega Diamond event gives players the opportunity to get UC (Unknown Cash) by guessing numbers, which this mechanism has similarities to gambling practices such as Togel. Where, practices like this can cause problems related to gambling or losses that will be suffered by players.

This research uses a descriptive qualitative approach with a case study method conducted on UIN Mataram students. Data was collected through interviews and review of relevant literature. The focus of the research is to assess how civil law views the practice of buying and selling in this event, as well as its impact on UIN Mataram students who participate in the event.

The results showed that the transactions in the Mega Diamond event embraced a lot of manipulation, uncertainty and high speculation in the number buying system in the event and made it similar to gambling so that it would have an impact on the players in this case the disadvantaged party. This research is also expected to contribute to the development of students' understanding of the importance of complying with or limiting negative things that can harm themselves and others.

Keywords: *Mega Diamond Event, PUBG Mobile, Buying and Selling, Gambling, civil law.*

1. INTRODUCTION

The development of online games has become an unstoppable global phenomenon, penetrating various circles of society, including students at colleges and universities. As one of the higher education institutions in Indonesia, the State Islamic University (UIN) Mataram has a moral and academic responsibility to ensure that the activities of its students are in line with moral principles and do not fall into practices that are contrary to the moral and Islamic values adopted. This responsibility becomes even more crucial given the rapid pace of digitalization and the diverse forms of virtual economic transactions that emerge.

One of the online games that is dominating the world's attention, including in Indonesia, is PUBG Mobile. With more than one billion downloads on Android and iOS platforms, this game has cemented its position as a giant of the mobile gaming industry. The popularity of PUBG Mobile is not only reflected in the number of players, but also from a series of prestigious global tournaments such as Global Championship Season 0, PMCO, PEL, PMGC, to the inclusion of this game as an official sport in the SEA Games 2021 Vietnam.

This shows that PUBG Mobile has been transformed into a huge economic and entertainment ecosystem.

In the PUBG Mobile game, players can play individually (solo), in pairs (duo), or in teams (*squad*), and customize characters with various skins (character clothing) which have varying degrees of rarity, ranging from Ordinary Skin to *Mythic* Skin. These skins can be acquired using UC (*Unknown Cash*), the virtual in-game currency. UC acquisition can be done through two methods: *in-game top-ups* using payment platforms such as *Google Play*, or *out-game top-ups* through third-party services. Various interesting *events* are regularly organized by PUBG Mobile, often in the form of collaborations with well-known entities such as Alan Walker, BLACKPINK, McLaren, to Dragon Ball Super.

According to Article 1457 of the Civil Code, a sale and purchase agreement is an agreement between a seller and a buyer in which the seller binds himself to transfer his ownership rights to an item to the buyer, and the buyer binds himself to pay the price of the item.¹

Among the various events, the Mega Diamond Event is a particular highlight. This event, introduced in November 2020, offers players the chance to earn large amounts of UC, up to 300,000 UC (equivalent to IDR 75,000,000), by guessing five numbers from 1 to 99. Participation in the event requires the purchase of a Gacha Fragment for 10 UC, with a special price option of 1 UC for the first daily *top-up*. Players will win if the numbers they choose match announced by the PUBG Mobile team. If the guess is wrong, the player does not get any prizes.

Juridically, the Mega Diamond Event mechanism bears a striking resemblance to the gambling practice of Togel (dark toto). Togel is a form of gambling in which players guess the numbers that will come out in a drawing, with the results depending entirely on luck. The similarity lies in having to buy *fragments* or numbers at a certain price to participate, then choosing a number, and the result of the drawing determines whether the player is entitled to a prize or not. Thus, participation in the Mega Diamond Event indicates an element of uncertainty, manipulative and detrimental to the players.

On the other hand, every sale and purchase transaction, including in a virtual context, should fulfill the principles of willingness and clarity, as stipulated in Article 1457 of the Civil Code (KUHPperdata) which defines a sale and purchase agreement as an agreement between the seller to transfer property rights and the buyer to pay the price of the goods. However, in the Mega Diamond Event, the Gacha Fragment purchase transaction is not merely a purchase of goods or services, but rather resembles a form of betting where the value received is unclear and highly dependent on luck.

Given the complexity and potential impact of online gaming practices, especially Mega Diamond Events, on the economic behavior of UIN Mataram students, this research is very relevant and urgent. Through a juridical and legal imperative approach, this research aims to examine in depth the civil law review of the sale and purchase of Event Mega Diamond in the PUBG Mobile

¹ Law, "Sale and Purchase of Commerce", *Istinbath*, Vol. 1, Number 1, September 2023, pml. 1.

game, with a case study at UIN Mataram. It is hoped that the results of this research can make a significant contribution in maintaining morality, academic integrity, and Islamic values among students, as well as being a guide for developing more effective educational strategies in facing the challenges of this digital era. The high interest from the initial interviews has further fueled the urgency to explore and evaluate this research title comprehensively.

Through a deeper understanding of the impact of online gaming practices on student behavior from the perspective of civil law, it is hoped that this research can make a significant contribution in maintaining morality, academic integrity, and Islamic values among students of Universitas Islam Negeri Mataram. In addition, it is hoped that this research can also serve as a guide for developing more effective educational strategies in addressing these challenges.

2. RESEARCH METHOD

The researcher adopted a descriptive qualitative approach. This qualitative approach is based on the principles described by the main figures in qualitative research. Dezin and Lincoln (2005), who are considered important figures in qualitative research, explain that qualitative research methods produce detailed and specific descriptions that are in-depth, so that readers feel as if they are at the scene. Bogdan and Biklen (2007).² describe qualitative research as an approach that focuses on discovering, creating, and understanding the scientific world. According to Creswell (2013), qualitative research is used to understand the meaning given by individuals to their experiences. Meanwhile, Patton (1990) explains that qualitative research produces an in-depth description of a particular social context.³

3. DISCUSSION

Buying and selling Mega Diamonds in Pubg Mobile Game is a form of economic activity that involves individuals with other individuals. Within the framework of civil law, there are two basic principles, namely conformity with the requirements of the subject and object.

The Mega Diamond event is a lucky draw program where players are required to buy rare skin fragments before they can take part in this event. The price to purchase these rare skin fragments is 10 diamonds without topping up, or 1 diamond if players top-up. These diamonds can

² Satori, Djam'an & Komariah, Aan. (2017). *Qualitative research methodology*, edition. 1 7th print. Bandung: Alfabeta pp. 25

³ Afifudin and Beni Ahad Saebani, "Qualitative Research Methodology", (Bandung: CV Pustaka Setia, 2012), p. 41. 41.

be obtained by purchasing diamonds in advance before participating in the event.

Here is how to top-up diamonds in the PUBG Mobile game:

1. Open the PUBG Mobile application on the device being used.
2. Enter the game account.
3. Within the game, find the "Top-Up" or "Recharge" menu. Usually, this option can be found in the in-game store or purchase section.
4. Select the amount of diamonds you want to top up. Generally, there are several diamond packages available at different prices.
5. Choose your preferred payment method. It can be a credit card, mobile payment, or any other available payment method.
6. Follow the guidelines provided to complete the payment process. You may be asked to enter your payment information, such as your credit card number or mobile number.
7. Once the payment process is successful, diamonds will be added to the game account. The diamonds can be used to purchase various in-game items, including rare skin fragments required for the Mega Diamond Event.

According to the author's analysis, the purchase of diamonds in the PUBG Mobile game by players is considered valid and permissible from a legal perspective because the purchase does not fulfill the elements of the terms of a sale and purchase agreement where the player acts as a buyer, PUBG Mobile as a seller, Diamonds as goods traded, and money as a means of payment. The goods traded in this case are also not included in prohibited goods.

Buying and selling in this context can be classified as buying and selling with willingness or buying and selling without *ijab* and *qabul*, where the price that has been clearly stated is considered a substitute for *ijab* and *qabul*. This is similar to the example of transactions when shopping at a mall or supermarket. Furthermore, the imposition of certain taxes on the purchase of diamonds is considered a permissible addition to the sale and purchase transaction and is not considered usury. The tax has been integrated as part of the diamond purchase process in PUBG Mobile.

After purchasing diamonds, as previously explained, players will be asked to buy rare skin fragments first in order to participate in the Mega Diamond event. In purchasing these rare skin fragments, players will be given a "Mega Diamond Event Score" which can later be used to participate in the Mega Diamond event.

From the author's point of view, the practice of purchasing rare skin fragments in the Mega Diamond event is considered valid and in

accordance with the law. The terms and conditions in the transaction are very clear, where Pubg acts as a seller, players as buyers, rare skin fragments and Mega Diamond Event Scores as traded goods, and diamonds as a means of payment. The traded goods are also received directly after payment. The price of rare skin fragments, which is originally 10 diamonds and can be changed to 1 diamond by topping up first, can be considered as a purchase discount given by the Pubg seller, so the price is not included in the concept of two-price buying and selling.

After players purchase rare skin fragments and get the Mega Diamond Event Score, they are given the opportunity to participate in the Mega Diamond event by guessing numbers from 0 to 99. Players are required to guess 5 numbers that will be entered into the five boxes provided.

After the player sets the numbers that have been selected, the player can wait until the announcement time takes place. Players can watch the drawing of the winning numbers carried out by the streamer chosen by PUBG. After the streamer finishes drawing the numbers, PUBG will proceed to the stage of calculating who won this event. For players who win this event, prizes can be collected via mailbox (Mail).

From the author's assessment, the prizes given in the Mega Diamond event are considered legitimate prizes and do not contain elements of gambling, manipulative, uncertainty and prohibited. The prize is a voluntary gift given by PUBG as a form of appreciation to players who take part in the Mega Diamond event. In comparison, the diamonds used in this event are part of a sale and purchase transaction with the object being rare skin fragments and Mega Diamond Event Scores. This means that diamonds are used to buy rare skin fragments, not to buy the opportunity to play. If players do not use the Mega Diamond Event Score in Mega Diamond events, they will not suffer losses because the diamonds used are actually used to buy rare skin fragments. Mega Diamond Event Score, on the other hand, is a prize bonus given to players to use in participating in Mega Diamond events.

Analyzing the practice of buying and selling Mega Diamond events in the PUBG Mobile game from a civil law perspective involves several aspects. This includes an assessment of compliance with the principles of Islamic economic principles such as the prohibition of usury, fairness, transparency, and blessings in transactions. Here are some points that may be considered:

1. Subject Requirement: In civil law, the subjects must be willing or agreed and both subjects must have the capacity to make the sale or purchase. In the context of the game, if the purchase or sale in the Mega Diamond

event contains It should be noted whether there are additional costs or unfairly gained profits in the transaction.

2. Object Requirements and Fairness: The principle of fairness in Islam emphasizes the importance of balance and equality in transactions. In the context of the Mega Diamond event, is the price set for the purchase of diamonds fair in relation to the benefits derived from the diamonds? Do all players have an equal opportunity to acquire diamonds without discrimination? It is important to ensure that the price of diamonds set in the event is fair and equal to the benefits derived from the diamonds. If all players have an equal opportunity to acquire diamonds without discrimination, then the practice can be considered fair.
3. Transparency: Transparency is an important aspect of Islamic economics. Transactions should be clear and there should be no element of deception or gharar (unintended uncertainty). Are the terms and conditions for acquiring diamonds in the event clearly explained to players? Is the information provided about the diamond buying and selling policy transparent enough? Openness and transparency in the terms and conditions of Mega Diamond events need to be ensured. All information regarding the purchase and sale of diamonds must be clearly explained to the players, so that there is no element of uncertainty or fraud in the transaction.

In analyzing the practice of buying and selling Mega Diamond events in PUBG Mobile from the perspective of Islamic economic law, it is important to consider the above aspects and ensure that the transaction is in accordance with Islamic values and principles. Any judgment will depend on the specific details and implementation of the event.

4. CONCLUSION

a. The practice of buying and selling Mega Diamond Events in the PUBG Mobile Game is a form of transaction that uses the system of "buying and selling lucky draws." According to Article 4 paragraph (5) of the Regulation of the Minister of Social Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia No. 4 of 2021 concerning Free Lottery with Prizes, the Mega Diamond Event is included in the category of free lottery with indirect prizes using a unique code. In this event, players are required to select 5 numbers from the 5 columns provided. If the five numbers selected match, the player has the right to win the grand prize. This research explains the practice of buying and selling in the Mega Diamond event among UIN Mataram students, focusing on the transaction mechanism,

student participation, and the impact of the event on their consumption behavior.

b. In the perspective of sharia economic law, the implementation of lottery trading in the Mega Diamond event is considered valid and permissible. All terms and conditions of the transaction have been fulfilled: PUBG Mobile acts as a seller, players as buyers, Rare Skin Fragments and Mega Diamond Event Scores as the object being traded, and diamonds as a means of payment. The prizes received by players in the Mega Diamond event are considered valid prizes and do not involve elements of *maisir* (gambling) and *gharar* (uncertainty). In this context, PUBG Mobile acts as a gift giver (*wahib*), players as gift recipients (*mauhub*), and diamonds as property given (*mauhub*). The Mail system used to send prizes to winning players serves as evidence of the transfer of property rights. This analysis shows that the transaction is in line with sharia principles, provided that there are no elements that harm or contradict Islamic values.

REFERENCE

- Abdul Aziz Dahlan, et al. *Encyclopedia of Islamic Law*, (Jakarta: Ichtiar Baru van Hoeve, 1996).
- Abdul Rahman, "The Concept of Buying and Selling in Islam", (Jakarta: Prenadamedia Group, 2019), pp. 112.
- Abi Yahya Zakariyya Al-Anshari Asy-Syafi'i, *Asnal Mathalib*, (Beirut: Dar al-Kutub alIlmiyah).
- Afzalur Rahman in Muhammad Syakir Sula, *Sharia Insurance* (Life and General) Concept and Operational System.
- Ahmad Ibrahim, "Business Ethics in Sharia Economics", (Jakarta: Bumi Aksara, 2022), pp. 25.
- Ahmad Muzakki Aditya (C92215145) Sharia Economic Law Study Program, Faculty of Sharia and Law, Sunan Ampel State Islamic University in 2019.
- Ash-Shawi, Muhammad Shalah Muhammad, *Problems of Investment in Islamic Banks Economic Solutions*; Translator: Rafiqah Ahmad, Alimin (Jakarta: Migunani. 2008).
- Azzam Abdul, Aziz Muhammad, *Fiqh Muamalat Transaction System in Islam* (Jakarta: AMZAH. 2010).
- Department of National Education, *Big Indonesian Dictionary*, Jakarta: Balai Pustaka, 2005.
- National Sharia Council of MUI, "Fatwa on Sale and Purchase in Digital Transactions", No. 117/DSN-MUI/II/2019.
- Dja'far, *Fiqh Science*, (Surakarta: Ramahani, 1986).
- K. Atmojo, *Semeru Police Magazine*, (East Java: TTT. 2005).
- Kun Maryati and Juju Suryawan, *Sociology*, (Jakarta: Esis, 2004).
- M. Abdul Ghoni, "Sharia-Compliant Transaction Criteria", (Surabaya: Al-Misbah, 2019), pp. 68.

Salim, *Contract Law Theories and Contract Drafting Techniques*, (Jakarta, Sinar Grafika: 2008).

Sayyid Sabiq, *Fikih Sunnah*, (Jakarta: Cakrawala Publishing, 2014).

Siti Khadijah, "Buying and Selling in the Online Game Ecosystem: A Review of Sharia Law", (Bandung: Alfabeta, 2020), pp. 123.

Sofyan Shafii, "Virtual Transactions: Opportunities and Challenges in Sharia Economics", *Journal of Islamic Law*, Vol. 5, No. 1, 2019, pp. 76-92.

Suharsimi Arikanto, *Teaching Management*, (Jakarta: Rineka Karya, 1993).

Shaykh Muhammad Ali Ash-Shabuni, *Rawai'ul Bayan Tafsir Ayat-Ayat Hukum*, (Semarang: CV. Asy-Syifa, 1993).

William L. Goode, *Family Sociology*, (Jakarta: Bina Aksara, 1983).