

# Harmonization of Sunda-Jawa, Potential for The Loss of The Dinoyo Street and Gunung Sari History in Surabaya

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## Introduction

In the continent of Asia, lies an archipelago. This archipelago consisted of numerous ethnic groups, religion, languages and culture. Thanks to its volcanic belt, the archipelago is rich with numerous resources such as: coal, minerals, oil, wood and bamboos. It also has the world's second largest rainforest, it is also the only rainforest which has tigers, rhinos, orangutans and elephants living in harmony. This archipelago is Indonesia.

As well, within this beauty lies a vast history. From the fall of an empire to European colonization and finally freedom. As well it is a nation build up from unity and beliefs. However, despite from all of its beauties, some ethnicities still has tensions with each other. It is the nation's duty to secure relations and bring harmony between the ethnic groups.

## Tensions Between Sunda-Java

In the 14th century, there was a conflict. This conflict is known as the Battle of Bubad. This caused the tension between Sunda and Java. Why so? Because, the entire Sundanese royal family has been destroyed by the empire of Majapahit. From that day until today, tensions still exists. However, Bubad is not the only incident. In the 16th until the 17th century, a Javanese kingdom known as Mataram, conquered Sunda. This is also one of the main reasons why the tension erupted.

Another incident which appeared 1908 would be the Budi Utomo incident, when Sundanese were treated impartially by Javanese ethnics in Budi Utomo. Which triggered a harsh reaction towards Sundanese nationalists.

Through influence by story telling also known as "Kidung Sunda", the tension still exists until today. The question is, so what is the solution to the tension between Sunda-Java?

## Changing of the Streets Name

Because of the tension, it brought the attention of 3 governors: Mr Karwo of East Java, Mr Ahmad Heryawan of West Java and Yogyakarta's sultan Hamengkubawana X in the island of Java. With the same purpose to harmonize Sunda and Java. One of the governor is Mr Karwo, governor of East Java. He came up with the solution to use Suabaya's

Dinoyo and Gunung Sari's streets to harmonize the tension of Sunda-Java. The reason behind his decision is that, Surabaya's Dinoyo street is intersected with Majapahit street to be changed to Sunda street, and Gunung Sari street is close to the Brawijaya military base which represent Majapahit as well, Haya Muruk street is there. So based on philosophy, the 2 streets (Gunung Sari and Hayam Muruk) is exceptionally close to each other.

## Results

Eventhough the people who lives in Dinoyo and Gunung Sari street are against Mr Karwo's solution, since the people there are worried whether the history behind the streets will survive if the name of the streets change. However the plan still proceed anyways. So today, a portion of Dinoyo and Gunung Sari street has been changed to Sunda and Prabusiliwangi. And just as planned, the majority of the people does not require them to change their identity due to the streets name, and the history of both streets survives, as well the tension between Java-Sunda is in good shape

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