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The study is based on the phenomena of “siri” marriages in society, especially in Madura. The phenomena becomes an interesting topics recently because the doers are not limited to common people only, but also a number of public figures (artist). In addition, the creation of law marriage draft that takes the doer of siri marriages as criminal makes it more interesting to study. Since many negatives responses and reactions come from people surround them, therefore, this leads to families who conduct siri marriage do some ways to maintain their existence in society. The ways they maintain their existence in society can be observed from the daily social behaviors.

The study is conducted in Gili Anyar-Kamal-Bangkalan. The objectives of the study are to describe the reasons of doers in doing siri marriage and to describe the existence of families who conduct siri marriage in the Gili Anyar-Kamal-Bangkalan.

This study uses the theory of social action and phenomenology and applies descriptive qualitative method. The data is collected purposively by using in depth interviews to several informants. Afterwards, the data is analyzed by using qualitative descriptive analysis techniques and examined its validity by triangulation in order get a valid data.

The results are described through the exposure of data finding in the study. The results show that there are various factors of doing siri marriages, such as economic, polygamy (the husband takes another woman as the second wife), there is no parents’ permission in getting marriage, and the reasons for avoiding adultery. The main factor is the economic. The low economic level becomes the main reason for the doers to do siri marriage. Beside, the wives also come from the families who have low educational level. The existence of families who conduct siri marriage can be viewed from different point of views, law, economic, and social.

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