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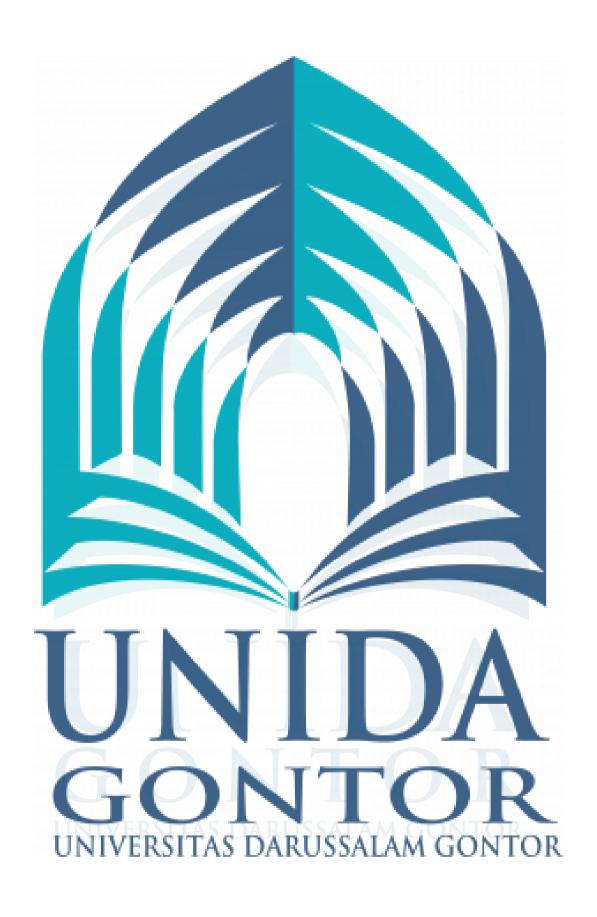
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ABSTRACT

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In 2020, tensions between India and China escalated once again in the disputed Middle Sector, particularly in the Galwan Valley, Ladakh. This incident became one of the deadliest clashes in the history of their border conflicts, resulting in casualties on both sides. This study aims to analyze the dynamics of territorial conflicts in the Himalayan region and their impact on bilateral relations between India and China. This research employs a qualitative approach with a descriptive method and a case study framework. The data analysis technique includes data collection, reduction, processing, presentation, and conclusion drawing. The data sources consist of academic journals, scientific articles, books, international documents, and relevant news reports. The findings indicate that border conflicts in the Himalayan Mountains have had significant impacts on the military, economic, international order, and ideological aspects of both India and China. In the military domain, tensions between the two nations escalated, marked by the development of defense infrastructure, an increased military presence in border areas, and frequent skirmishes between Indian and Chinese forces. On an ideological level, the conflict has fueled nationalism in both countries, impacting their foreign policies and complicating negotiations to resolve the border dispute. Thus, this study confirms that territorial conflicts in the Himalayan region not only affect border security but also have broader implications for bilateral relations in political, economic, and global strategic spheres. This research provides insights into how territorial disputes between neighboring countries can influence bilateral dynamics and potentially disrupt regional stability.

KeyWords: Geopolitic, Teritorial Conflict, Himalaya Mountains, China, India

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PENGARUH KONFLIK TERITORIAL DI PEGUNUNGAN HIIMALAYA TERHADAP HUBUNGAN BILATERAL INDIA-CHINA TAHUN 2020-

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Pada tahun 2020, ketegangan kembali meningkat antara India dan China di wilayah sengketa Sektor Tengah, khususnya di Lembah Galwan, Ladakh. Insiden ini menjadi salah satu bentrokan paling mematikan dalam sejarah konflik perbatasan kedua negara, karena mengakibatkan korban jiwa di kedua belah pihak. Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menganalisis dinamika konflik teritorial di wilayah Pegunungan Himalaya serta pengaruhnya terhadap hubungan bilateral antara India dan China. Penelitian ini menggunakan jenis penelitian kualitatif dengan metode deskriptif dengan pendekatan studi kasus. Teknik analisis data mencakup pengumpulan, reduksi, pengolahan, penyajian, dan penarikan kesimpulan. Data yang digunakan bersumber dari jurnal akademik, artikel ilmiah, buku, dokumen internasional, serta laporan berita terkait. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa konflik perbatasan di Pegunungan Himalaya memberikan dampak signifikan terhadap bidang militer, ekonomi, tata internasional, serta ideologi India dan China. Dalam bidang militer, ketegangan antara kedua negara meningkat, yang ditandai dengan pembangunan infrastruktur pertahanan, peningkatan jumlah pasukan di wilayah perbatasan, serta sering terjadinya insiden bentrokan antara militer India dan China. Dari bidang ekonomi, ketegangan ini menyebabkan dinamika kerja sama perdagangan dan investasi bilateral. Dalam bidang tata internasional, konflik ini memperkuat dinamika geopolitik Asia, dengan India mempererat kerja sama melalui Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad) untuk menyeimbangkan China, sementara China memperkuat posisinya lewat inisiatif Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). Dalam bidang ideologi, konflik ini mendorong sentimen nasionalisme di kedua negara, yang berdampak pada kebijakan luar negeri masing-masing dan memperumit proses negosiasi untuk menyelesaikan sengketa perbatasan. Dengan demikian, penelitian ini menegaskan bahwa konflik teritorial di Pegunungan Himalaya tidak hanya berimplikasi pada keamanan perbatasan, tetapi juga mempengaruhi hubungan bilateral secara lebih luas, baik dalam bidang politik, ekonomi, maupun strategi global. Penelitian ini memberikan wawasan bagaimana konflik Teritorial antara dua negara tetangga dapat mempengaruhi dinamika hubungan bilateral keduanya yang dapat menggangu stabilitas kawasan.

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(QS. Al-Baqarah: 117)

"Skripsi itu bukan soal cepat atau lambat, tapi soal konsisten dan nggak nyerah"

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