

KEMANTAN: A MEDICATION CEREMONY of TALANG MAMAK TRIBE

One of ceremony which often conducted by hinterland society is ceremony of medication or also called Kemantan. Kemantan generally conducted if a lot of ill of society citizen. This ceremony led by 7 shaman people and minimum one shaman. Generally this ceremony conducted after harvest season, this matter relate to substances that is needed for ceremony.

In this ceremony all original society join in and get medication and also contribute a number of food-stuff of according to ability of each. The food-stuff will be cooked and eaten also by society.

Condition of Kemantan:

- a. There Is shaman of Kemantan
- b. There Is Dedayu (like assistant of shaman)
- c. There is Penginang (have to woman)

There are some of activity in kemantan ceremony:

First day/night: to tomb of lead of customary to pray (preparation for ceremony)

Second Night: main ceremony all night (in this night the shaman is unconscious and may not photographed). In this night activity is:

1. Dubalang (the Shaman which unconscious try to grab some object which holded by his assistant and if the shaman can take the object the assistant will be fine because its mean the medicine will not good.)
2. Beringin (the shaman try to catch Dubalang like people want to catch fish use fish net. And believe if the shaman can catch the Dubalang , shaman will kill the Dubalang like people kill fish.)
3. Serampang (Shaman try to catch Dubalang like people want to catch fish use the gaff, and believe will kill dubalang if he can catch).
4. Pesilih (disease thrown to sky)
5. Timbangan (like weighting machine. Shaman curing people on the weighting)
6. Buai (shaman curing people on the oscillation).
7. Datuk tongkat Bandung
8. Datuk tongkat Upiah

Third Day: Coherent drug: all the people of Talang Mamak will spattered by water mingled drug from shaman.



First day : pray on the tomb of lead of customary



Fist day: On the tomb (shaman with the white cloth on the head)



Day three: eating together








Three of kemantan shaman without their cloth which use when lead the kemantan.



Shaman and people (include me) eat together "Lemang". Lemang is soft rice cooking in the bamboo and burning.



Eat together

	<p>Seven bamboo at the front of house location of Kemantan ceremony, epitomizing of seven shaman kemantan.</p>
	<p>House for kemantan ceremony must be traditional (all material for make this house must be from the forest: like roof from the leaf; wall from the bamboo or wood; floor from the bamboo). If the material not from forest but from buy believe the soul did not want to come to help the shaman.</p>
	<p>One of equipment for ceremony. This drum make long time ago, no one remember when the drum make, they only change skin of drum.</p>
	<p>Day three: Coherent of drug. People spattered by water.</p>
	<p>Candle for kemantan ceremony make from nest of bee and tinder from terap skin wood.</p>



Torch make from bamboo which filled resin from wood. This torch must be blaze all night as long as ceremony, if the torch off believe the soul will go.



Material for Kemantan ceremony



Pesilih to thrown disease to sky. They believe if the disease thrown to sky will not make the people ill because up there far from people.