

Civil lawsuit case arising from a lack of citizen participation in geographical naming and renaming of features

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# Renamed Features in Kebumen Regency, Central Java Province, Indonesia







#### The Plaintiffs Claimed:

- They were not invited nor involved in the discussion of the street name alteration.
- Direct impact of the street name alteration on people who lived and owned businesses along it.
- Not conducted in compliance with the existing legal regulations.











## Legal Proceedings in Kebumen District Court



## 8 March - 5 July 2023









The judge declared that the Kebumen District Court was not authorized to adjudicate this case. The law experts stated that the lawsuit should have been in the realm of the State Administrative Court, not civil, and not within the jurisdiction of the Kebumen District Court to adjudicate.













### **Conclusion:**

The Geographical names standardization process *ideally* must involve:

- Central Government
- Local Government
- Experts
- Community
- Individual

Finalizing of comprehensive and detailed technical guidance for each stage of geographical names standardization - Avoid misinterpretation of the Government Regulation

#### **Point for Discussion:**

The Group of Experts is invited to express its views on the report and discuss whether other countries have the same experience(s) towards the lawsuit related to the place naming.































