CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter introduces some basic concept of the research. It consists of background of the research, statement of the problems, research objectives, research significance, definition of key term and organization of writing.

1.1 Background of the Research

Text news nowadays being so important because it updates people's information and people can easily get it from suffering the internet. The way that is so easy makes people forget to read a text news carefully. Because text news also can influence the reader, writer, even the person that is reported through the language. Language as an arbitrary system used for communication have a big role in a text news. Because language in a text news can be played for the benefit of someone or a group. To avoid a misunderstanding, the researcher as a linguistic student tries to analyze a text news which related to the language to know about the meaning behind that.

Butt et al (2003: 5) state:

"Language seems to have evolved for three major purposes. These are: 1. to talk about what is happening, what will happen and what has happened, 2. to interact and/or to express a point of view, 3. to turn the output of the previous two functions into coherent whole."

Considering how important language in our life especially in communication, there is a theory of language in which language function becomes the center of

discussion. The theory was developed by Halliday and it is named as Systemic Functional Linguistics (SFL). From the perspective of SFL, language is viewed as a system for making meanings: a semantic system, with other systems for encoding the meaning it produces (Halliday, 1994). SFL also sees that language is structured to make three main kinds of meanings simultaneously (Halliday in Eggins, 1994). Those three simultaneous kinds of meanings are experiential, interpersonal, and textual. Furthermore, Eggins (1994) says that these three types of meaning are known as the metafunctions.

In agreement with Halliday and Eggins (2004), "interpersonal metafunction deals with how language is used to establish interpersonal relations between speaker/writer and hearer/reader." This basically involves an investigation of mood block occurred in the clause, which comprises three elements; subject, finite, and/ or modal adjuncts. Modality is another aspect being concerned with interpersonal metafunction.

Through the interpersonal metafunction, the researcher attempts to find the aim of the writer of a text by the text that the writer writes. Interpersonal metafunction deals with how language is used to establish interpersonal relation between speaker/writer and hearer/reader. To know about the interpersonal meaning, the researcher involves an investigation of mood block. The researcher chooses to analyze a text news from BBC entitled "Ahok trial: The blasphemy case testing Indonesian identity. The researcher chooses that object because there so much found news talking about the

same matter that is about Ahok which became so viral at that time. Thus, the researcher wants to know about that news from the perspective of linguistic especially SFL.

There are some previous study which related to the topic of Interpersonal meaning. First, a final project from Noor Aini Dhiah W submitted to Faculty of Language and Art Department of State Semarang University entitled *Interpersonal Meaning of Barack Obama's Speech at University of Indonesia: The Study of Barack Obama's Attitudes and Judgements Towards Indonesia*. Second is undergraduate thesis from Ayu Pratiwi Ulfah submitted to Faculty 2011of English Department of State Islamic University entitled I*nterpersonal Meaning in Ridwan Kamil's Tweets* 2016. Third Desiana Jayanti Andaruli submitted for the degree of English Education of State Semarang University entitled *Interpersonal, Ideational, textual meanings found in Students Recount Text* 2015.

The differences between those previous studies and this research is the object of the research. This research is analyzing about the interpersonal meaning in text news whereas object of the previous studies are speech, tweets and recount text. And the similarity of this research with the previous studies is that this research also analyze the interpersonal meaning behind a text.

Based on the problem and previous studies found, the researcher also uses a systemic functional grammar or systemic functional language especially interpersonal meaning as the topic to analyze the BBC text News about Ahok entitled "Ahok trial: The blasphemy case testing Indonesian identity". The researcher wants to analyze the

text news which has a hidden message behind each part of clause and found the aim of a writer. Hence the title is *Ínterpersonal Meaning in BBC Text News Entitled "Ahok trial: The blasphemy case testing Indonesian identity"*.

1.2 Statement of the Problems

Based on the background of research above, can be fermented into the research questions as follows:

1. What are Mood types in BBC text news entitled "Ahok trial: The blasphemy case testing Indonesian identity"?

2. How is the realization of interpersonal meaning in BBC text news entitled "Ahok trial: The blasphemy case testing Indonesian identity"?

1.3 Objectives of the Research

The objectives of this research are related to the problems that have been stated above and aiming to answer those questions, those are:

1. To classify the mood types in BBC text news entitled "Ahok trial: The blasphemy case testing Indonesian identity"

2. To uncover the interpersonal meaning in BBC text news entitled "Ahok trial: The blasphemy case testing Indonesian identity"

1.4 Significance of the Research

The Significances of this research are divided into two purposes, there are the theoretical and practical purposes. Theoretically, the researcher aimed that this research

will show the interpersonal meaning in the text especially in BBC text news about Ahok entitled "Ahok trial: The blasphemy case testing Indonesian identity". Thus, the readers can learn from it and the readers also can be more critical about any kind of text.

Practically, the researcher expects that this research can be references for English linguistic students and the researcher in comprehending interpersonal meaning theory and the application to the related matter.

1.5 Definition of Key Term

To avoid any misunderstanding, especially for the readers, in this section will be presented some key terms which contained in this research. These are a brief explanation in order to emphasize the meaning of the terms in linguistic. The definitions of this research are:

1. Systemic Functional Linguistic: According to Halliday & Matthiessen (2004) "Systemic Functional Linguistic emphasizing on semiotics, the code of language and how the utterances and texts specify all the meaning potentials, studies the functional and situational organization of language in the social context."

2. Metafunction: According to Halliday (1985:44) "the meaning of metafunctions is that part of the system of a language, the particular semantic and lexicogrammatical resources that has evolved to perform the function in question." Metafunctions has three meanings, those three types of meanings

are: a meaning about the interaction (an interpersonal meaning), a meaning about reality (an experiential meaning), and a meaning about the message (a textual meaning).

3. Interpersonal meaning: Interpersonal metafunction deals with how language is used to establish interpersonal relations between speaker/writer and hearer/reader. This basically involves an investigation of mood block occurred in the clause, which comprises three elements; subject, finite, and/or modal adjuncts.

4. Mood system: belongs to the interpersonal metafunction of language. It discusses the clause as exchange; that is how grammatical resource realizes different interactional moves in a discourse become the focus.

5. Mood: In traditional grammar, mood is used to express a fact or action (declarative, interrogative), or command (imperative).

1.6 Organization of writing

In order to present the thesis systematically and to make it easy for the readers to understand the content, this research is presented in five chapters with the following organization.

The first chapter is an introduction. This chapter discusses the general background of the research, statement of the problems, research objectives, research significance, the definition of key term and organization of writing.

The second chapter is a review of related literature. This chapter explains about the theories which are used to analyze the data. The theories are about the definition of text, context, Systemic Functional Linguistics (SFL), grammar, mood and modality system, mood types, mood elements, and interpersonal meaning itself.

The third chapter is a methodology of research. This chapter provides an overview of a set of methodology used in conducting the present research. This chapter involves method of research, sample of data, source of data, techniques of collecting data, and techniques of analyzing data.

The fourth chapter is finding and discussion. This chapter presents the findings of mood system analysis and the discussion of findings regarding the BBC text news entitled "Ahok Trial: The blasphemy case testing Indonesian identity" it is based on SFL theory.

The last chapter is conclusion and suggestions. This chapter consists of the conclusion of the study after conducting the analysis. This chapter also presents the suggestions for further research.