

The Legend of Mount Batur



A long time ago, there lived on the island of Bali a giant-like creature named Kbo Iwo. The people of Bali used to say that Kbo Iwo was everything, a destroyer as well as a creator. He was satisfied with the meal, but this meant for the Balinese people enough food for a thousand men.

Difficulties arose when for the first time the barns were almost empty and the new harvest was still a long way off. This made Kbo Iwo wild with great anger. In his hunger, he destroyed all of the houses and even the temples. It made the Balinese turn to rage.

So, they came together to plan steps to oppose this powerful giant by using his stupidity. They asked Kbo Iwo to build them a very deep well, and rebuild all the houses and temples he had destroyed. After they fed Kbo Iwo, he began to dig a deep hole.

One day he had eaten too much, he fell asleep in the hole. The oldest man in the village gave a sign, and the villagers began to throw the limestone they had collected before into the hole. Kbo Iwo was buried alive. Then the water in the well rose higher and higher until at last it overflowed and formed Lake Batur. The mound of earth dug from the well by Kbo Iwo is known as Mount Batur.

Key words

1	Giant	Kelaparan
2	Creature	Panen
3	Arose	Muncul
4	Harvest	Makhluk
5	Hunger	Raksasa
6	Barn	Rencana
7	Plan	Membangun kembali
8	Rebuild	Menggali
9	Dig	Melempar
10	Throw	Lumbung
11	Buried	Sumur
12	Overflowed	Warga desa
13	Well	Dikenal
14	Villagers	Terkubur
15	Known	Meluap