



Fig 173 d) An unusual kris from the Karo Batak.

Hilt: A stylized ancestor/ flower-but about to unfold in dark-brown horn. It has the same shape as a sword hilt in stone and gold from the late 9th century-early 10th century found in Central Java¹⁷ and it has some similarity to the hilt of a *Siwaih* (see Fig 175,176)

Selut: On the rim a kind of trident/flame decoration (see Fig 165). The lower part is decorated with *Tumpals* in filigree. A similar decoration is found on the *Tumbok Lada* in Karo Batak style (see Fig 177). All in silver.

Blade: Dapor Balebang, 7 lok. The blade seems to be from *Central Java*.

Pamor: Beras Wutah?

Length of the blade: 35 cm.

Sheath: Unusual *old Ladrang* type with a *Gambar* in dark-brown horn with a very curved *Godong* (back part of the *Gambar*). The *Gandar* is decorated with silver plates and silver rings. The upper plate is decorated with *Tumpals* in filigree (*Karo Batak* style). The *Buntut* in silver has an unusual triangular shape and is decorated with a stylized *Gunungan* symbol.

Area: Karo Batak land.

Date: 19th century.

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¹⁷ See Treasures of Ancient Indonesia, Tokyo National Museum 1997, p 164 fig 117.