



Fiji Muslim League

ZABIHA

HALAL SLAUGHTERMEN
GUIDELINES

THE PROCEDURES CONCERNING ZABIHA (ISLAMIC SLAUGHTERING)

1. ISLAMIC SLAUGHTER IN LIGHT OF QUR-AAN AND HADITH

1. So eat of (meats) on which Allah's name has been pronounced if you have faith in His Signs (Surah Al-An-aam. V-118).
2. Eat not of (meats) on which Allah's name has not been pronounced: that would be impiety. But the evil ones ever inspire their friends to contend with you; if ye were to obey them you would indeed be pagans. (Surah Al-An-aam. V- 121).
3. Forbidden to you (for food) are: dead meat blood the flesh of swine and that on which has been invoked the name of other than Allah that which has been killed by strangling or by a violent blow or by a headlong fall or by being gored to death; that which has been (partly) eaten by a wild animal; *unless you are able to slaughter it* (in due form); that which is sacrificed on stone (altars); (forbidden) also is the division (of meat) by raffling with arrows: that is impiety. This day have those who reject faith given up all hope of your religion: yet fear them not but fear Me. (Al-Maida.V-3)
4. They ask thee what is lawful to them (as food): say: Lawful unto you are (all) things good and pure: and what ye have taught your trained hunting animals (to catch) in the manner directed to you by Allah; eat what they catch for you but pronounce the name of Allah over it: and fear Allah; for Allah is swift in taking account. (Al-Maida-4)

POSITION OF SLAUGHTER

Prophet Muhammad SAW said; Slaughter (its position) is from the lower part of the Throat (Adams Apple) and between the Jaws. (Jabra). (Fathul Qadeer)

FLOWING OF BLOOD

Prophet Muhammad SAW said; "If you slaughter the animal with anything that causes its blood to flow out, and if Allah's Name is mentioned on slaughtering it, eat of it. (Bukhari-7.451)

Prophet Muhammad SAW said; Allah SWT has inscribed kindness (Ihsan) on everything. So when you slaughter, make the slaughter good, when you sacrifice, make your sacrifice god. Let one of you sharpen his knife and give ease to his sacrificial animal. Muslim-(Miskat-al Masabih; V.2. Pge, 171).

2. TYPES OF SLAUGHTER

1. **Ikhtiyari**-slaughtermen is completely in control of the animal which is to be slaughtered (Dabah) and the ruling for these types of animals is to slaughter it) e.g. Cattle, Goat, Sheep, Chicken, Duck, etc) except Camels (Nahr).

Dabah-means slaughtering of animals other than camels.e.g Cattle, Sheep etc

Nahr-means slaughtering of Camels only, and is done by cutting the Carotid Arteries at the root of Camels Neck.

Yahya related to me from Malik from Yahya ibn Said that Said ibn al-Musayyab said, "There is no harm in whatever you slaughter with a cutting edge, as long as you are forced to do it by necessity."(Muatta Imam Malik-24.6)

2. **Iztirari**- slaughtermen is not in control of the animal which is to be slaughtered and the ruling for these types of animals is to injure any part of it so that the flowing of the blood could take place.

While we were with the Prophet. on a journey, one of the camels ran away. A man shot it with an arrow and stopped it. The Prophet said, "Of these camels some are as wild as wild beasts, so if one of them runs away and you cannot catch it, then do like this (shoot it with an arrow)." I said, "O Allah's Apostle! Sometimes when we are in battles or on a journey we want to slaughter (animals) but we have no knives." He said, "Listen! If you slaughter the animal with anything that causes its blood to flow out, and if Allah's Name is mentioned on slaughtering it, eat of it, provided that the slaughtering instrument is not a tooth or a nail, as the tooth is a bone and the nail is the knife of Ethiopians. (Sahih Al-Bukhari-7.452)

3. POSITION OF SLAUGHTER

Prophet Muhammad SAW said; Slaughter (its position) is from the lower part of the Throat (Adams Apple) and between the Jaws. (Jabra).

4. CONDITINS FOR HALAL SLAUGHTERMEN

1. **To be mentally fit.** A person who doesn't know about slaughtering or doesn't have power to do the slaughtering, slaughter by such a person will be Haram. e.g. A very small child and an insane person.
2. **To be a Muslim.** Slaughter done by a Mushrik, Kafir, Murtad, Qadyani, Shia, Yahood and Nasara is not Halal.
3. **To recite Tasmiyah-** To take the name of Allah. (Bismillah Allahu Akbar once)

CONDITIONS FOR TASMIYAH.

1. The person who slaughters must recite Tasmiyah. If Tasmiyah is said by someone else and slaughtered by another person then that animal's meat will not be Halal.
2. Only Allah's name to be recited and no other persons name or attribute is to be taken.
3. Tasmiyah is intended for the glorification of Allah and for the slaughtering of the animal.
4. Bismillah is to be recited on every animal.
5. Slaughter to take place immediately after Tasmiyah is recited.

5. CONDITINS FOR HALAL SLAUGHTER

1. **Ma'kool-al-Lahm.** The animal must be permissible to eat in Islamic Shari'ah.(e.g. *Cattle, Goat, Sheep, Chicken, Camel, Buffalo, etc*)
2. The animal must be live.
3. Flowing of Blood after the cut.
4. More than two (2) veins to be cut.
 1. **Hulqoom [windpipe]**
 2. **Maree [food-tract]**
 3. **Wadjain [two jugulars]**

MUSTAHABBAT

1. The utensil (knife) for slaughter should be sharp.
2. The slaughter to be from the side of windpipe.
3. Cutting of the four veins.
4. Animal to be laid on its left side for slaughter except Camels.
5. The animal to face the Qiblah.
6. The slaughter men to face Qiblah as well.
7. To take Allah's name in Arabic.
8. To slaughter in daytime.

MAKRUHAT

1. To slaughter from the backside
2. To intentionally ignore cutting of the veins.
3. To separate the head from the body while slaughtering.
4. To poke the knife into bones of the throat.
5. To sharpen the knife in front of the animals.
6. To delay the slaughter after reciting the Tasmiyah.
7. To remove the skin while the animal is still alive.

MUHARRAMMAT-HARAM

1. To ignore Tasmiyah intentionally
2. Insane or immature persons slaughter
3. Slaughter of a non-Muslim
4. Reciting someone else name at the time of Slaughtering

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