

QURBANI

The Sunnah Way

While the Muslim community has always upheld the obligation of Qurbani with profound eagerness, it has been unfortunately observed that at times the slaughter and treatment of Qurbani animals is harsh and inconsiderate. Ignorance and negligence regarding the proper method of slaughter can diminish and even void the reward and virtue of this noble obligation.

The following are some of the acts that must be rectified:

- ✘ Leaving animals hungry and thirsty before slaughter
- ✘ Sharpening of blades in clear view of the animals.
- ✘ Slaughtering in full view of other animals.
- ✘ Skinning while movement exists in the animal.
- ✘ Ill-treatment of animals in pens/holding areas.
- ✘ Carelessly dragging the animal on its back.
- ✘ Stunning of cattle.
- ✘ Slaughtering with a blunt knife.
- ✘ Slaughtering by persons, especially children, who do not know how to slaughter correctly.

Rasulullah ﷺ said, “Verily Allah Ta'ala has prescribed goodness in everything; ... when you slaughter do so properly, ensure the blade for slaughter is sharpened and the slaughtering is carried out swiftly.” (Sahih Muslim)

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