

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 avoided:

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

Rasulullah ﷺ said, “Indeed Allah has prescribed excellence in everything; ... when you slaughter, do so properly. Each of you should sharpen his blade and spare suffering to the animal he is slaughtering.” (Sahih Muslim)

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