

Free Haleem

The scene of Muslims queuing up for haleem at Masjids and other distribution points is a familiar sight in Ramadhan. Whilst feeding people is a noble and commendable action, the following points need to be carefully considered by donors and recipients:

- Zakaat, Fidyah, Fitrah or Kaffarah monies **cannot** be used in the preparation of haleem that is distributed to the public.
- Double and triple parking, blocking of driveways and entrances whilst going to collect haleem leaves a very negative impression of the Muslim Community.
- Shouting, arguing and fighting over haleem is not at all in keeping with the conduct of a Muslim especially in Ramadhan.
- Intermingling of sexes is not permitted in Islam under any circumstance. Organisers of haleem distribution can easily create two queues to separate males and females.

It has been reported that at certain places irregularities take place during the distribution process. Certain selected individuals have their packages kept aside even before the conventional distribution commences. This *elite package* will contain 2-3 extra naan and an Xtra-large bucket of haleem. Such behaviour from people of affluence and in positions of authority is most shameful.

May Allah Ta'ala accept the contribution of the donors and enable us to conduct ourselves in the true spirit of Islam., Ameen.

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