

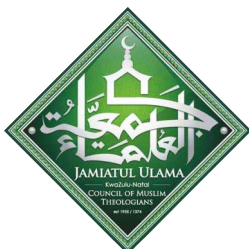
Free Haleem

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, Fidya, 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. Organisers of haleem distribution can easily create two queues to separate males and females.
- ✦ When haleem is prepared from public funds, organisers should ensure a fair and equitable distribution irrespective of the financial and social status of an individual.

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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