
Letters of Support



A translation of a letter by Mufti Shabbir Saheb

In the name of Allah, the Kind, the Merciful

To my brothers in Islam, Assalaamu alaykum

“O messengers eat from the good and pure and perform only good.”

The acceptance of good actions rests undoubtedly on the consumption of Halal and pure sustenance. The emphasis that the Shariah has placed on consuming only the Halal and pure needs no elaboration.

Regarding meat, in particular, the honourable Fuqaha (jurists) have directed specific attention towards this issue by establishing the principle: “All things are fundamentally classified as Halal unless there is specific proof regarding their prohibition. This is for all issues barring meat. Meat is fundamentally Haram unless proof of its being Halal is ascertained.”

In the British environment, a malicious cacophony of apostasy, polytheism, moral degradation and deception, it was an established obligation, on Muslims (both individually and collectively), to practice caution and scrupulousness regarding meat, and with the adopting of complete and exhaustive investigations, to exemplify the divine injunction; “...then let him see which is the purest kind of food...”

In addition to this, the importation of meat and poultry of uncertain sources, that are injected with pork (and/or Haram beef) extracts from countries such as Holland, other ill-actions of certain money-worshipping individuals, of local origin, the introduction of various modern methods and instruments (these include; stunning, machine slaughters, Bismillah inscribed blades, failure of the recital of Bismillah, tape recorded Bismillahs, failure of severing the required vessels, passing of (living) animals through boiling water, etc...)

The above and other problems have further emphasised the necessity upon the Muslim Ummah to tackle this problem, so as to fulfil the above-mentioned divine command. (Failure of which would result in the entire Muslim community of the UK falling into horrendous sin of an unimaginable magnitude). The situation warns us in our heedlessness of becoming examples of the Prophet’s words; “Such a time will befall people when one will not care about his source of acquisition, whether it be Halal or Haram.”

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By the grace and magnanimity of Allah, a genuine organisation by the name of the Halal Monitoring Committee (HMC) has come into being, whose aim is to make available for British Muslims, meat that is in everyway certified to be Halal, in accordance to the dictates of the Shariah, by means of continuous and rigorous inspections. (Their methodology is extensive and thorough).

This action (insha-Allah) can put a stop to meat and poultry being bought (on the cheap) from abroad (and other doubtful places). This action of the HMC has already begun in Leicester. We hope that it will progressively expand to other cities.

The members of this committee, comprise of honourable Ulama, and religiously inclined individuals, and it is under the guidance of other senior Ulama. By the grace of Allah and His magnanimity, the HMC has by addressing this Fardh Kifayah (collective obligation) absolved the Muslims of a tremendous burden. Had such a group not come into existence, all Muslims could have been held liable before Allah.

I request all Muslims to come together on this issue and putting their differences aside, fully support this organisation, and assist in trying to fulfil all its needs, as this is an issue on the Muslim Ummah. "Muslims are those who establish our Salah, face our Qiblah, and eat from our (Halal) Slaughter."

Therefore out of concern for our Iman, A'mal and offspring, Muslims should purchase their meat and poultry under the guidance of this organisation. Finally I pray that Allah accepts the efforts of this group, blesses them with further success, removes obstacles from their path, grants them sincerity, rewards them on behalf of the Ummah with a goodly reward, and makes them deserving of the reward of being sign-bearers to good.

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