

Boycotting goods of those who slaughter your brothers like sheep

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Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)¹: Just now I said to one of my brothers who asked me, and how often I am asked, to this day the people are still asking me about meat from Bulgaria, and in reality I'm amazed at them—we've been sorely tried by [this issue] of Bulgarian meat for many long years, [after] all of these years hasn't the time come for the Muslims to understand what the ruling concerning this Bulgarian meat is? Such a strange thing!

So I say that if you are in doubt and are uncertain about whether these animals have been slaughtered Islaamically or not—what you are not in doubt about is [the fact] that they are slaughtering our Muslim brothers there, the Turks who have been resident there for a long time, they are slaughtering them just like sheep are slaughtered, so [even] if the Bulgarians really are slaughtering the meat which we import from them according to the Sharee'ah I [still] say that it is not allowed for us to import it from them, on the contrary, it is obligatory upon us to boycott them so that they cease spilling the blood of our Muslim brothers there.

So Subhaanallaah!² The feeling of brotherhood has died which the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)³ described as being that of one body, **"The believers in their mutual kindness, compassion and sympathy are just like one body. When one of the limbs suffers, the whole body responds to it with wakefulness and fever."**⁴

The Muslims don't feel the [many] pains of their brothers any more, the Islaamic bonds between them have been cut off, and for this reason their concern [instead] is to ask, "Is it allowed to eat Bulgarian meat or not?!"

Yaa akhee, you know that the Bulgarians are slaughtering the Muslims there, there is no difference between an Arab Muslim, a Turkish one, an Afghaanee Muslim and so on, and the situation is as he (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said, **"The Muslims are brothers ...,"** so if we are brothers, then it is obligatory on us to jealously protect each other and to feel grief for each other—and not merely be concerned with what one eats and drinks.

¹ (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

² Subhaanallaah (سبحان الله) Allaah is free from imperfection

³ (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

⁴ Bukhaaree and Muslim

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So if we assumed that a person is still not convinced that Bulgarian meat is [just] carrion ... that its ruling is that it is meat of an animal that is not slaughtered according to the legislated requirements because it is killed not slaughtered—we can't convince the people of every opinion, because they will continue to differ except those upon whom your Lord has mercy, as is mentioned in the Noble Qur'aan—so if we can't convince the people that this meat which comes to us from Bulgaria has the ruling of being meat that has not been slaughtered Islaamically—but don't they [at the very least] know that these Bulgarians are slaughtering our Muslim brothers there? Isn't this tyranny and this excruciating aggression against our Muslim brothers there enough to turn us away from Bulgarian meat, even if it is halaal?

This is sufficient.

And this is a reminder, and a reminder benefits the believers.

Now bring what other questions you have ...

Host: May Allaah reward you with good.

Someone else: May Allaah reward you with good.

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⁵ Al-Hudaa wan-Noor, 190.