



The second question from Fatwa no. (1984):

Q 2: It is customary that Arabs seek to appease each other where necessary using different ways. Sometimes, they bring a female sheep and stand at the door of the one whom they want to appease and do not enter before slaughtering it while mentioning the name of Allah (may He be Exalted) over it. At other times the person who wishes to appease brings the `Aqirah (a tribal custom where a person offers a female sheep to appease another person) to the targeted person who takes it saying "`Aqirah is forbidden" and lifts it up to the other person. Then, he slaughters

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another one to host the person who wished to appease him. Is it permissible to eat the meat of one or both of the two female sheep?

A: Slaughtering a sheep and so forth for another person with the intention of hosting and inviting this person and those who are accompanying him to eat the meat of this sacrificial animal is permissible. It is recommended in sound Hadiths for it was reported on the authority of [Abu Hurayrah](#) (May Allah be pleased with him) that the Prophet (peace be upon him) said:﴿ "...he who believes in Allah and the Last Day should serve his guest generously..." ﴾It was also reported on the authority of Abu Shurayh Al-Ka`bi that he (peace be upon him) said:﴿ "Whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day, should serve his guest generously. The guest's coverage (period for which he has the right to be provided with supplies) is: To provide him with the best provisions for one day and night and a guest is to be hosted for three days, and whatever is offered beyond that, is regarded as something given in charity. And it is not lawful for a guest to stay with his host for such a long period so as to put him in a critical position". ﴾.

The sacrificial animal may be slaughtered for the sake of honoring and glorifying him (the targeted person) whether or not it is presented afterwards for eating. This is not permissible and it is an act of Shirk that brings the curse of Allah (may He be Exalted) because it is a form of slaughtering for other than Him. It was narrated on the authority of `Aly (May Allah be pleased with him) that he said: The Messenger of Allah (peace blessings be upon him) told me four words:﴿ "Allah curses the one who sacrifices for other than Allah; Allah curses the one who curses his parents; Allah curses the one who shelters an innovator (in religion); Allah curses the one who changes the marks of the land." ﴾Accordingly, it is not permissible to eat from

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the meat of this sacrificial animal even if the name of Allah (may He be Exalted) was mentioned over it because acts are determined by Niyyah (intention) and the `Aqirah in this case, was meant for glorifying and honoring other than Allah and not just for the purpose of eating.

However, if the person presents the sheep alive and the appeaser takes it and slaughters it or

another one to host his guests, then it will be permissible for both of them to eat because it was not slaughtered to glorify him (the appeaser).

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and companions!

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