

QURBANI LOCATION MASALAH

In the name of Allah the most beneficent the most merciful

Q: What is the Islamic ruling on a person who wishes to carry out his Qurbani in India or Pakistan where the Eid will commence on Monday the 1st of Jan? What if the Qurbani is carried out after Monday, which will be after the 12th of Zul Hijjah according to the UK Islamic calendar?

A: According to the Islamic Law, consideration is given to the location of the Qurbani (where the Qurbani is sacrificed) and **NOT** the location of the person on behalf of whom the Qurbani is offered. Therefore, if a Qurbani is sacrificed in Pakistan or India on behalf of a Muslim of UK, the Islamic calendar of Pakistan or India will be considered. Thus, if Eid occurs on Monday the 1st of Jan in Pakistan & India, Qurbani can be carried out there until the sunset of Wed the 3rd of Jan which corresponds to the 12th of Zul Hijjah according to their Islamic Calendar.

قال الحصكفي في الدر المختار والمعتبر مكان الاضحية لا مكان من عليه فحيلة مصري اراد التعجيل ان يخرجها خارج المصر فيضحى بها اذا طلع الفجر (224:5) ونحوه في الهداية للمرغيناني (79:4) وفي الهنديّة (296:5) قال محمد رحمه الله تعالى انظر في هذا الي موضع الذبح دون المذبوح عنه

The great Jurist Imam Al-Haskafi states: “And the location of the Qurbani is considered and not the location of the person on behalf of whom the Qurbani is carried out” (Durr Al-Mukhtar, 224/5)

Similarly, the great scholar Imam Muhammad Ibn Al-Hasan Shaybani once said, “I will look at the location of the slaughter and not the location of the person on behalf of whom the Qurbani is carried out. (Fatawa Hindiyyah, 4/79)

On the contrary, Qurbani cannot be carried out in Pakistan or India on Saturday or Sunday although Eid will be celebrated in the UK. This is because the location of the Qurbani is considered and thus Qurbani can only be carried out when the 10th of Zul Hijjah occurs in Pakistan and India.

And Allah knows best

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