



Fatwa no. 16661

Q: Since my young age, I am accustomed to slaughter a sacrifice, or to put it more accurately, to give its meat away as Sadaqah (voluntary charity) in the month of Sha'ban, on any of its nights? Is there anything wrong in doing so? Please enlighten me, may Allah enlighten you!

A: Sadaqah, especially Sadaqah Jariyah (ongoing charity), is among the greatest acts of obedience that draw us closer to Allah, but on condition that giving Sadaqah is done according to the teachings of Shari'ah (Islamic law). It should be given away from lawfully-gained money and paid into the permissible channels, such as the poor and the needy, or for building a Masjid (mosque) and the like.

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Associating the giving of Sadaqah with a particular time unspecified by the Shari'ah based on a belief of its necessity is impermissible. Consequently, if this Sadaqah is paid during Sha'ban due to a belief in the sacredness of the month or any of its days, it will not be considered among the lawful acts of drawing closer to Allah.

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

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