

Conditions of Al-'Aqeeqa

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: Is the beast (ovine or caprine) sacrificed for An-Naṣeeka¹ concerned by the same conditions as the beast sacrificed in the day of 'Eed? And may Allaah reward you.

Shaykh Aboo `Abd-al-Mu`iz `Alee Ferkous al-Qoobee (*May Allaah the Most High preserve him*): All praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds. Peace and blessing be upon whom Allaah sent as a mercy to the Worlds, upon his Family, his Companions and his Brothers till the Day of Resurrection:

An-Naṣeeka has the same status as the pilgrimage offerings, sacrifices and Al-Hady². It is subject to the rulings concerning Al-Hady and sacrifices; and to the rulings regarding charity, gift and donation and all that entails drawing closer to Allaah (*May He be Exalted the Most High*). Therefore, its [valid] age for immolation is taken into consideration. Furthermore, it must not be one-eyed, skinny, lame, broken or sick. In addition, it is not permissible to sell anything of its flesh nor of its skin; among other known rulings pertaining to the sacrifice. Nevertheless, association in [buying and offering] Al-'Aqeeqa is not permissible, unlike the pilgrimage offering and the sacrifice.

The perfect knowledge belongs to Allaah (*Mighty and Majestic is He*). Our last prayer is all praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds. Peace and blessing be upon our Prophet, his Family, his Companions and Brothers till the Day of Resurrection.

¹ Al-'Aqeeqa and An-Naṣeeka are synonyms in Arabic. Translator's note.

² Al-Hady: animal given for immolation in the sacred place. Translator's note.