Fatwa no. 9573

Q: What is the ruling on offering sacrificial meat as Sadaqah (voluntary charity) which I intend for the sake of Allah (Exalted be He) following my son's success, his escape from a car accident or any other happy occasion? Is it permissible for me to eat from this meat offered as Sadaqah? Kindly take note that I offer this Sadaqah without having made a vow or an oath by Allah. Please guide me regarding this act and advise me on the proper conduct I should follow. May Allah reward you.

A: In essence, actions are based on intention, which forms an essential condition for earning reward from Allah for one's good actions. Therefore, Muslims should intend by every expense they pay to draw closer to Allah (Exalted be He).

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If a lawful occasion occurs such as showing hospitality to a guest or appreciating the achievement of a child and so on, there is nothing wrong with eating from the sacrificial meat that is offered with the intention of drawing closer to Allah (Exalted be He) on such occasions.

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

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