




### Bid'ahs committed during funerals

**Q: What is the ruling of Allah and His Messenger on those who, when one dies, slaughter a goat which they call 'Aqiqah? They do not break any of the goat's bones. Then they bury its bones and its excretion. They claim that this is a good thing which everyone should do.** 

**A:** This act is a Bid'ah (innovation in religion) which has no basis in Shari'ah (Islamic law). Therefore, it should be rejected and those who practice it should repent to Allah as from any other Bid'ahs and sins. It is an obligation to repent to Allah from all these things, as He (Glorified and Exalted be He) says: **﴿And all of you beg Allâh to forgive you all, O believers, that you may be successful﴾** And: **﴿O you who believe! Turn to Allâh with sincere repentance!﴾** The real 'Aqiqah (sacrifice for a newborn) that is Mashru' (Islamically permissible) and has been recommended in the authentically reported Sunnah of the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) is that which is slaughtered for the newborn baby on the seventh day after birth; two sheep for a baby boy and one for a baby girl.

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It is reported that the Prophet (peace be upon him) offered 'Aqiqah for Al-Hasan and Al-Husayn (may Allah be pleased with them both). It should be noted that the person offering the 'Aqiqah may either distribute the meat among relatives, friends and the poor; or to cook it and invite them to eat from it. This is the permissible 'Aqiqah. It is a stressed Sunnah to offer 'Aqiqah; however, if one does not, there is no sin on him.

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