
Forgetting to mention Allaah's Name while shooting hunting

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

Question: We live in the desert and we hunt migrating birds by shooting them with guns; however, sometimes we forget to mention Allaah's Name while shooting the bird which dies as a result of the shooting. Are we allowed to eat it?

Shaykh Abdul-Azeez ibn Baaz (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)¹: If a Muslim forgets to mention Allaah's Name while slaughtering, shooting, or sending a trained hunting dog, then the slaughtered animal and the hunted animal if found dead are lawful to be eaten, because of Allaah's (Exalted be He) Saying: [**Our Lord! Punish us not if we forget or fall into error**]. It was also authentically reported that the Messenger of Allaah (peace be upon him) said: [**Allaah said in reply: "I did."**]²

It was also reported that he (peace be upon him) said: [**Allaah has pardoned for the people of this nation their mistakes, forgetfulness, and what they have done under duress.**]

Moreover, there are other narrations supporting this ruling. May Allaah grant us success.

¹ (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him

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