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The Islamic Way of Slaughtering Animals

- Not all animals require slaughtering before they can be consumed by Muslims. Marine animals, bloodless animals and locusts need not be slaughtered. Allah says, " Lawful to you is the pursuit of water-game and their use for food for the benefit of yourselves and those who travel." [Al-Maidah (5), verse 96].

Slaughtering of edible animals for food is a ritual of the Shari'ah that is observed by Muslims worldwide. It is a ritual that purifies an animal from blood and filth thereby making it good and wholesome for consumption.



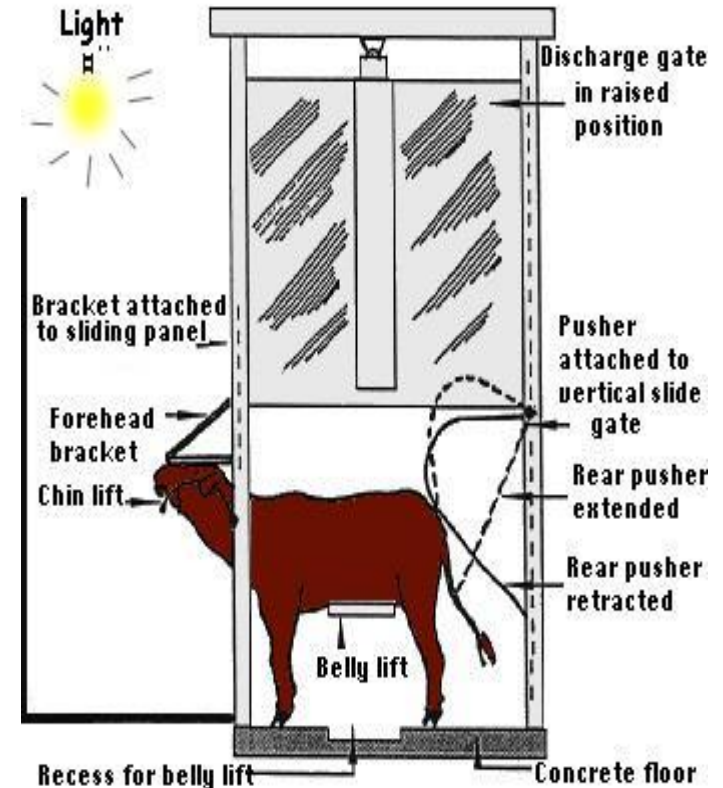
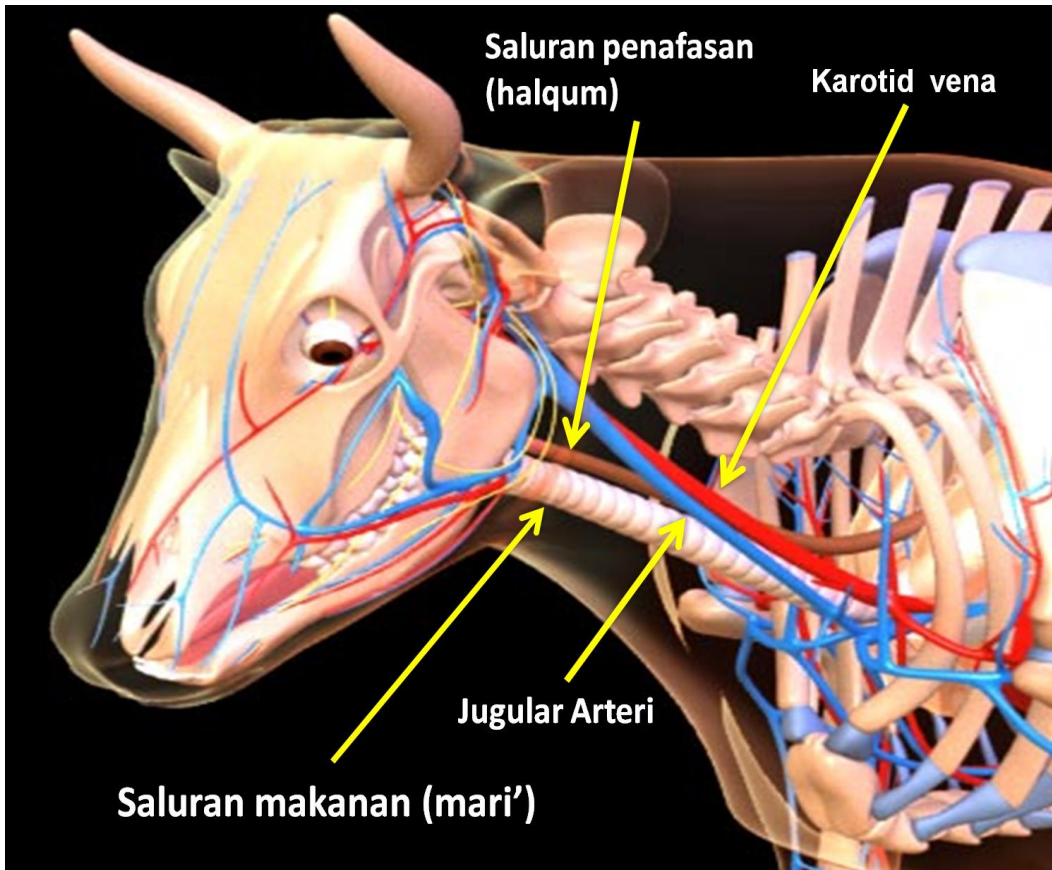
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What is Islamic slaughter

- *Dhabīḥah* (or *zabiha*, Arabic: ذَبِيحَةٌ *dhabīḥah* 'Slaughter'^(noun)) is, in Islamic law, the prescribed method of ritual slaughter of all animals *excluding locusts, fish, and most sea-life*.
- This method of slaughtering animals consists of a swift, deep incision with a sharp knife on the throat, cutting the jugular veins and carotid arteries of both sides but leaving the spinal cord intact. (Source: Zabiha.com)



Slaughtering area of animal



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Slaughter process

- The precise details of the slaughtering method arise from [Islamic tradition](#) educated by Prophet [Muhammad](#), himself. It is used to comply with the conditions stated in the [Qur'an](#):
- *Forbidden for you are carrion, and blood, and [flesh of swine](#), and that which has been slaughtered while proclaiming the name of any other than God, and one killed by strangling, and one killed with blunt weapons, and one which died by falling, and that which was gored by the horns of some animal, and one eaten by a wild beast, except those whom you slaughter; and that which is slaughtered at the altar and that which is distributed by the throwing of arrows [for an omen]; this is an act of sin.*

[al-Mā'idah 5:3](#) (al-Quran)



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Mercy slaughter

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ldc4jEyxPy8>



Pre-requisite !!!

- The animal must not be a [forbidden substance as per the Quran](#).
- The slaughter itself must be done by a sane (mentally competent) adult Muslim, Jew, or Christian as they are considered "[People of the Book](#)" ([Arabic](#): Ahl al-Kitāb); this is a point of consensus amongst Muslim scholars.
- All Muslim scholars hold that mentioning God's name at the time of slaughter is a must; they differ as to whether or not forgetting to do so or leaving it off intentionally at the time of slaughter renders the sacrifice void and the meat thus forbidden for consumption. They also agree that if other than God's name is mentioned then this would be forbidden (Source: Wikipedia)



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- The act of slaughtering itself is preceded by mentioning the name of God. Invoking the name of God at the moment of slaughtering is sometimes interpreted as acknowledgment of God's right over all things and thanking God for the sustenance He provides: it is a sign the food is taken not in sin or in gluttony, but to survive and praise Allah, as the most common blessing is, "Bismillah," or "In the name of God".
- the animal is brought to the place of slaughter and laid down gently so as to not injure it. It is [Sunnah](#) but not [Fard](#) that the head of the animal be facing the [Qiblah](#).^[13] The blade must be kept hidden until the very last moment while the jugular of the animal is felt. The conventional method used to slaughter the animal involves cutting the large arteries in the neck along with the [esophagus](#) and [vertebrate trachea](#) with one swipe of a non-serrated blade.
- Care must be taken that the nervous system is not damaged, as this may cause the animal to die before [exsanguination](#) has taken place. During the swipe of the blade, the head must not be decapitated. While blood is draining, the animal is not handled until it has died. (www.wikipedia.com)



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- It is also compulsory that each animal must be slaughtered individually and in seclusion. In a [poultry farm](#) or [slaughter house](#), one animal must not witness another animal being slaughtered.
- This method adheres to Islamic law (it ensures the animal does not die by any of the [Haraam](#) methods) and helps to effectively drain blood from the animal. This may be important because the consumption of blood itself is forbidden in Islam



Conditions for Slaughter

The slaughtering of Halal animals must be separated from Non-Halal animals and should adhere to the following conditions:

- It must be performed by a Muslim (who is of sound mind, mature, and fully understands the Islamic procedures, conditions and methodology for slaughtering of animals);
- Dressing of carcasses should commence only after the animal is dead;
- The meat of the animals to be slaughtered must be edible by Muslims (eg. pork is prohibited);
- Slaughtering tools and other implements used must be for the slaughter of Halal animals only;
- The animals must be alive or deemed to be alive at the time of slaughter;



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- For animals with normal necks, the act of slaughter must begin with an incision to the animals neck just before the glottis. For animals with long necks such as chicken, turkeys, ostriches, camels etc., the incision must be before the glottis;
- The animal's trachea and aesophagus must be severed. The spinal cord should not be cut and the head not severed completely so as to induce immedite and massive hemorrhage;
- Uttering the full phrase of "Bismillah" immediately before the slaughter is compulsory .
- Slaughtering must be done once only. The slaughtering implement must not be lifted off the animal during slaughtering. Any lifting is construed as one act of slaughter. Multiple acts of slaughther on one animal is prohibited;
- Slaughtering must be for the sake of Allah only and not for other purposes e.g. for ritual offerings.
- Bleeding must be spontaneous and complete;



CONCLUSION

- SLAUGHTER IS ONLY WAY TO CONSUME MEAT FROM HALAL ANIMAL
- SLAUGHTER MUST FOLLOW RIGHT ISLAMIC REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES



QUESTIONS

- WHAT IS THE FULL REQUIREMENT OF SLAUGHTER IN ISLAM?
- HOW DO YOU HANDLE ANIMAL TO BE SLAUGHTER?

