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Butcher's wage

Second question of Fatwa no. 8652

Q 2: A person is performing Hajj, and he has a family in his home land. He wants to make Ud-hiyah (sacrificial animal offered by non-pilgrims) on behalf of his family. Thus, he deputized another peson; one of his neighbors or relatives to slaughter the Ud-hiyah but he has to pay a wage for the person as some people say. Is there any sin in paying him a wage?

A: If the butcher makes it a condition that he receives a wage for slaughtering or if this is the `Urf (custom), it is Wajib (obligatory) on you to pay this to him but not in the form of some of the meat from the Ud-hiyah. Otherwise, it is not obligatory on you to pay him a wage even though it is a good deed if you do it voluntarily. This is because the Prophet (peace be upon him) said: [\(...requite him who does a favour to you... \)](#) May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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