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A Unanimous Decision

The rejection of mechanical slaughter



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We would like to wish all our readers a belated Eid Mubarak and pray that the blessed months from Ramadan through to Hajj came as a source of attaining forgiveness and ta'awa.

Alhamdulillah through the grace of the Almighty, HMC continues to help the Muslim community in an essential element of their deen and the awareness and demand for HMC is increasing throughout the country. Since its inception, the Muslim community is much more aware around the issues and challenges within the halal market and have expressed great satisfaction to have an alternative available in comparison to the 'unmonitored, uninspected, controversial criteria halal' prevalent in the market.

In the summer, HMC was invited on debates hosted by the Islam Channel. The audience based debate categorically showed overwhelming support for the criteria and methodology adopted by HMC; 99% of the audience rejected the concept of mechanical slaughter. Media agencies from the BBC, Talksport, Radio Leicester, Radio Derbyshire, Radio Lancashire have all contacted HMC to speak on behalf of the Muslim community on the subject of halal. The Muslim Council of Britain held a session at its AGM and again scholars and the Muslim public present all endorsed the work of HMC as the halal body of the UK representing the views of the Muslim community.

All of us within HMC, employed, volunteers and supporters are extremely grateful to the Almighty for granting us the opportunity to undertake this great responsibility on behalf of the Muslim community and pray that He grants us all sincerity and steadfastness. We request all our readers to continually remember us in your supplications, pray for the organisation and its success, and support the cause financially too through charitable donations.

Chairman

EDITORIAL

UK Muslim Scholars Unanimously Reject Mechanical Slaughter

In the largest independent survey of Muslim Scholars conducted in the UK concerning Halal and Halal standards, there was a unanimous rejection of mechanical slaughter in the UK from all scholars.

In June 2009, an independent online survey was commissioned by HMC through Ajax Consultants to understand the scholarly opinions on Halal in the UK.

Responses were received from 282 imams and muftis from over 25 towns and cities covering, London, Birmingham, Newcastle, Glasgow, Leicester, Manchester, Blackburn, Reading, Preston, Dewsbury and many more cities across the UK.

The survey asked several questions covering issues on the acceptance of mechanical slaughtering, stunning of animal prior to slaughter, recitation of tasmiyah, and views on the current exemptions in UK and European law.

The Summary of the findings are outlined below:

- 95%** of the Ulama do not accept "mechanical slaughter" as an accepted method of Halal slaughter in Islam (2.1% want to understand the issue further)
- 99.7%** stated that Bismillah should be prayed individually by person slaughtering (not taped or person standing on the side)
- 90%** rejected electrical stunning of chickens (9% welcomed further research)
- 85%** rejected electrical stunning of larger animals (9% welcomed further research)
- 99%** expressed preference for non-stunned
- 100%** saw the need for the continuation of religious exemption allowing Muslims and Jews to practice their religious beliefs (prophetic method of slaughter)

The survey included responses from 32 Muftis, 201 Ulama and 49 Imams.

HMC Chairman Shaykh Yunus Dudhwala commented, "This survey is the largest of its kind conducted in the UK and sets clear guidelines of acceptability and standards for Halal in this country. It further endorses the standard of Halal that HMC has followed since its inception in 2003".

Nadeem Adam, Operations Manager at HMC said, "People will be surprised to learn of the widespread use of mechanical slaughter in the provision of Halal poultry in the UK. There are many UK superstores that need to be aware of the message from UK scholars and should ensure their Halal products are at a standard acceptable to their Muslim consumers. HMC's universal standard is the only way to ensure acceptance by all".

The Halal Food Authority (HFA) accepts mechanical slaughter and has continually been probed and asked to provide views from Muslim scholars for their accepted practices. To date no response and views have been received from HFA Scholars. We also ask HFA to listen to the views of the UK Muslim community who they claim to serve.

Earlier this year, Malaysia, a country at the forefront of Halal, known as the Halal Hub of the World, listened to the scholars of the world and removed mechanical slaughter from its Halal standards. It will be interesting to see if a Halal certifier in the UK (HFA) will listen to the views of Muslim scholars and the public and remove the use of mechanical slaughter from its halal standard.

KFC introduces controversial Halal

After McDonalds in Southall introduced a Halal menu with standards that are not accepted by the majority of Muslims in the UK, another multi-national corporation has joined the bandwagon to exploit the growing Muslim consumer market.

KFC introduced its so-called Halal menu in eight of its branches across London in May on a trial basis. HMC has received scores of e-mails, texts and phone calls asking us about the Halal status of these eight branches. On making enquiries to KFC and the certifying body, it becomes apparent that not much has changed at the slaughter house in order to introduce Halal certification, with the mechanical slaughter method still continuing at the plant.

The certification body who has issued KFC with the certificate seems to have been bombarded with complaints from the Muslim community, with regards to controversial standards in terms of the mechanical slaughter method they employ. Their standard reply has been, 'please be advised that mechanised slaughter does not render the chicken/bird Haram!'

But many Muslims who have contacted HMC have been appalled by the lack of integrity shown by KFC and the certifying body in light of the fatawa and rulings from senior scholars around the world.

Brother Kelvin, a Muslim revert from East London sent us a lengthy e-mail about his experience which has been reproduced on page 11.

Mechanical slaughter is an extremely controversial method of slaughter within Islam. It is not about Muslims being backward as has been claimed, nor is it about refusing to accept new technology; it is more importantly about whether the new technology being implemented fulfils the conditions of valid Islamic slaughter.

The majority of scholars in the UK are of the opinion that this method does not fulfil the dhabihah method. This issue has been a bone of contention for many years at the World Halal Forum in Malaysia where international countries and organisations meet annually to discuss issues of Halal. Finally, this year even Malaysia who had previously advocated for machine slaughter has removed machine slaughter from its Halal standard.

HMC welcomes all companies large or small to introduce Halal options on their

menu, but any Halal introduced should be that which the Muslim community at large considers to be Halal, not a controversial standard or an opinion of a few rogue individuals.

Halal is a very important aspect of a Muslim's life and the integrity of Halal should not be compromised to make profit on the back of the innocent, unsuspecting Muslim community.

If you want to make your opinion known to KFC about this controversial Halal standard, send your comments on the KFC website www.kfc.co.uk/about-kfc/halal/

HMC advises Muslims to be cautious when dining out and if unsure, consult your local Scholars.

In matters of Halal and Haram we should take the path of caution.

May Allah guide us to understand the truth and act according to His pleasure. If in doubt leave it out!

Useful Links

Detailed Fatawa relating to machine slaughter from various Scholars can be read on the following links:

www.bouti.com/fatawas.php?PHPSESSID=a&id=3022
www.askimam.org/fatwa/fatwa.php?askid=2056cd51302e26a5125b0648ae91db85
www.ziaulmustafa.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=7&Itemid=12
www.daruliftaa.com/question.asp?txt_QuestionID=q-05554697
www.itc-bradford.org/daruliftaa/attachments/47/MachineSlaughter.doc
www.halalmc.net/resources/mechanical_slaughter.html

Answers by Muftis related specifically to the KFC trial can be found on the following links:

www.as-suffa.org/Halal-or-Haram/HFA-or-HMC.html
www.gmwa.org.uk/foodguide2/index.php?page=viewquestion&id=232

For a comprehensive understanding and in-depth analysis of Islamic Laws of Slaughtering, we encourage readers to purchase the book entitled 'The Islamic Laws of Animal Slaughter' by the world renowned scholar Shaykh Taqi Usmani available online at www.azharacademy.com/Scripts/prodView.asp?idproduct=1609.

HMC Launches NEW Annual Certificate

HMC has launched a new larger A3 certificate for all its certified outlets; restaurants and butchers. The certificate is validated monthly with tamper proof seals. The new A3 size makes it more visible and prominent for consumers to see.

The general public are reminded that the assurance of HMC Halal only comes from seeing "a yellow HMC sticker and a valid A3 certificate within the shop". Without these, outlets cannot be HMC approved. This can also be verified through the outlets listing on the website that is regularly updated.

Some shops are making false claims to be HMC approved when they are not, so please always ask if you cannot see these certificates on site and in sight!



Window sticker



Certificate

Look out for these visible signs at HMC outlets; restaurant and butchers. Without these, any claims of HMC are not true!

HMC operates a regular random inspection system at all its certified outlets. If a shop is found to stock non-certified meat or poultry, certificates are revoked immediately.

Shaykh Bashir Bhikha, a monitor in Leicester said, "The HMC monitoring system, allows me the 'right' to go and check the fridges, store rooms, stock on display and also verify receipts and proof of purchase. This level of checking takes the burden of responsibility away from consumers and enables HMC to have a comprehensive system".

We urge all consumers to support the scheme and buy from HMC approved stores with assurance.

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First HMC Certified School

Alhamdulillah, in June this year, through the grace of the Almighty, we were pleased to announce the very first school in the UK to be HMC certified. Tauheed-ul-Islam Girls High School and Sixth Form College in Blackburn, one of the best performing schools in the country, became HMC certified in June 2009.

For the past two years, HMC has been working in partnership with Lancashire Council of Mosques to certify Halal school meals. After much effort and work, the accreditation of the first school was received by the Assistant Principal Moulana Munir. On receiving the certification, Moulana Munir said, "Despite being a Muslim school, it was of paramount importance for us to be certified by an independent non-profit making organisation like HMC. The fraudulent nature of the market means

doubtful products are entering into every sector of the Halal market and we realised the education sector is no different. We would strongly advise all schools to follow suit."

Schools, colleges, universities, hospitals, and prisons are making genuine efforts in our multi-faith and multi-cultural society to provide the needs of different faiths and cultures. For this reason, we find Halal, Kosher, and Vegetarian regularly on the menu of many public institutions. But it is imperative; in fact a responsibility on public institutions to provide Halal that is recognised as truly Halal by the community they serve. To introduce Halal with standards that are not accepted by the majority of the Muslim community defeats the purpose of providing food labelled 'Halal' in the first place.

We do not see this type of discord and lack of integrity in Kosher or Vegetarian, so why should this be accepted practice within Halal?

We encourage parents to take caution and verify the supply of Halal in their schools. HMC would be happy to offer advice and support to parents, schools and councils to provide the assurance of Halal to those parents who wish to ensure their children are eating Halal food in their schools and community.



**CONCERNED?
then Report It!**

We urge all readers to report any concerns about HMC certified products, outlets, logo abuse or any other matter by e-mail on concern@halalmc.org

HMC Logo Abuse

Increasingly restaurants, butchers and product manufacturers have been claiming to be HMC approved when in fact they have made no arrangements to be monitored or inspected (a pre-requisite requirement for HMC approval).

HMC are constantly striving to protect the HMC logo and brand to help consumers purchase HMC products with confidence and we ask for your vigilance to inform HMC when you notice claims from outlets or product manufacturers that you may suspect are abusing the trademark logo. If in doubt, please check our website or contact us at info@halalmc.org.

Recently, HMC was informed of Butterfly Snacks (Blackburn) whose products were carrying the HMC Logo and trademark. HMC has never monitored or inspected this product and after several notices to explain the terms of logo use and abuse and persistent disregard of notices, HMC has been left with no choice except to have issued legal proceedings against the

manufacturer for logo abuse and false claims of HMC approval.

Moulana Hanif Dudhwala commented, "We have asked for the logo abuse to stop or inspection system to be instituted. Neither has been done, so we are left with little option for redress. He further explains, "HMC implements an authenticated system, one that the Muslim public can have full confidence and assurance in their choice of buying HMC certified products leaving no doubts in their minds. Butterfly Snacks has not followed this route".

We thank our consumers for placing trust in HMC and we will Insha-Allah continue to strive for authenticated genuine Halal products.





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What's in my Donner Kebab?

Some years ago, HMC was approached by a donner manufacturer wishing to become HMC certified. On receiving their application, a HMC auditor arranged a visit to the plant production site. As per HMC criteria, a tour of the whole site took place and he was shown the different areas and all seemed to be fine. Suddenly, to the shock and amazement of the auditor, he noticed some drums and containers full of pig heads!

Dumbfounded and taken aback, he asked the site manager, 'What is this?' The manager replied very calmly, 'Oh, this is added in very small quantities to the donner for taste!' He was not flustered, there was no concern, and the thought did not seem to cross his mind that this is totally contrary to the concept of 'Halal'. Obviously this company was advised that they could not be certified unless certain changes were made. This was a shocking revelation that we mentioned

in our Newsletter No. 10. HMC did not wish to alarm the Muslim community and therefore although mentioned in the Newsletter, it was not given central headlines. However, the issue has since been picked up by some local and national press.

The 'Asian Express' newspaper based in Lancashire featured an article in September 2008 when they found similar evidence of traces of pork in donner kebabs tested in laboratories in the North West. In January 2009 the national media picked up on the story when the Local Authority Coordinators of Regulatory Services (Lacors) study found similar traces of pork in donner kebabs that they had tested in various councils across the UK see <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/7852168.stm>.

These revelations are extremely shocking for the Muslim community who rely on the trust of individuals who work in the Halal meat and poultry trade. This also shows the need for a certification organisation like HMC that has its own independent personnel present at critical points of the Halal journey to give confidence to the Muslim consumer. This allows Muslim consumers to eat HMC certified donner kebabs with peace of mind.



HMC Continues its Growth!

Only through the Grace of the Almighty, the prayers of our supporters and the effort of our workers, Alhamdulillah HMC has seen an explosive growth for demand of its certified shops and products over the past two years.

The number of HMC certified butchers, restaurants and plants has increased by over 228%. As awareness and issues of Halal has been raised, people are realising the need for assurance and certification.

Scandals of pork contamination, the continual exposure of Halal abuse in the mainstream media, businesses who sell to deceive for profit, and the realisation that the word "Halal" is no guarantee of authenticity anymore, have become a key factor in HMC becoming the trusted certification organisation in the UK Alhamdulillah.

Waqar Akhlaq of Al-Kauser Superstore (formerly Al Noor Food Stores) from Reading said, "I joined HMC because it gave my consumers total confidence in the products I sell. It takes the significant burden of responsibility off me at a nominal cost of just £1 per day. I have seen more customers, many who have been delighted since I have become HMC approved".

The number of towns and cities joining HMC has been on the increase significantly over the past 18 months, with Reading, Gillingham, Huddersfield, Leeds, Walsall & Darlestone, Manchester, Burnley, Halifax and many more areas requesting HMC's monitoring system.

"There is so much doubt in the provision of Halal and we welcome HMC for our Muslim consumers who can now consume with assurance", said Imam Abdul Hannan of Reading.

HMC runs awareness campaigns all over the country and if you would like to invite HMC to come and present an



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Alhamdulillah through the grace of the Almighty, HMC continues to help the Muslim community to procure and consume Halal with confidence. As the celebration of Eid-ul-Adha arrived, and the Qurbani orders were received by butchers countrywide, HMC worked hard in the background to ensure that the Qurbani was completed according to the rules of Shari’ah.

This was extremely important as there have been many incidents that HMC has become aware of in the past couple of years where the Qurbani had not been done properly.

The Qurbani Scams

1. Last year, HMC found slaughterhouses slaughtering Qurbani before the Eid Salah (and before dawn). Many are doing this so that meat can be delivered to eager customers early, unfortunately this practice renders the Qurbani void
2. We had learnt of some instances where meat “provided as Qurbani” was everyday normal meat prepared and sold in the shop. This was done to rid excess stock
3. We learnt of the Qurbani fiasco where animals were slaughtered by a non-Muslim in Scotland (see our newsletter <http://www.halalmc.net/newsletters/issue12.pdf>)

These are grave concerns and one which HMC has been seeking to address with improved systems and awareness.

HMC Assurance Scheme for Qurbani introduced

This year special HMC Qurbani procedures ensured HMC consumers bought their Qurbani meat with utmost confidence. The scheme operated with the following measures to ensure Qurbani was undertaken according to the rules of Shari’ah;

1. Guidance Document - HMC sent a guidance document highlighting the rules of Shari’ah relating to Qurbani to all its certified slaughterhouses that are performing Qurbani (<http://www.halalmc.net/resources/udhiyyah.html#a>)

2. Memorandum of Agreement - HMC received a signed document from all its certified red meat slaughterhouses that were performing Qurbani to confirm that they had read the guidance document and understand the shari’ah rulings and that they bought animals that were suitable for Qurbani and understood clearly the importance of the timing for Qurbani

3. Inspectors’ Presence - HMC is the only certification organisation that provides inspectors and again on Eid Day inspectors were physically present on all three days of Eid for every Qurbani slaughter

4. New Special Qurbani Stamp - HMC introduced a new special stamp for Qurbani that was used on all Qurbani animals so that outlets and customers can clearly differentiate between normal Halal meat and those slaughtered for Qurbani

Alhamdulillah, through the above measures, HMC was able to ensure the Qurbani was done according to the rules of Shari’ah and consumers were not deceived with animals that were slaughtered before time, or slaughtered by non-Muslims.

Did HMC delay delivery of Qurbani?

HMC has heard of one grievance relating to the Qurbani certification procedures that they adopted that needs to be clarified i.e. HMC delayed the delivery of Qurbani to shops and outlets?

In answer to this, HMC inspectors were present from after Eid Salah to certify Qurbani animals at slaughterhouses throughout the UK where HMC presence was requested. HMC inspectors were present to ensure the animal was eligible for Qurbani, the animal was slaughtered correctly and that the Qurbani was done at the correct time. Once this was done and the animal was stamped by the HMC inspector, the inspectors have no say where and when the animals are

delivered. This is totally at the discretion of the slaughterhouses.

Consumers need to be aware that the demand for Qurbani animals to be at the shops by Eid Day morning in every shop in the country is totally unrealistic. Consumer co-operation is needed to relieve the pressure on butchers as this pressure leads to abuse in the timing of the Qurbani.

The HMC Qurbani assurance scheme ensured no animals that might have been slaughtered before the official Qurbani time made their way in to HMC shops and therefore the apparent delay can be regarded a success rather than a problem.

It is more important to receive a genuine Qurbani later in the day rather than an animal slaughtered before the Qurbani time early in the day.

Unfortunately, yet again, HMC has received distressing and disturbing news of some so-called Qurbanis that have been delivered to UK shops and were slaughtered up to 4 days before Eid Day! These stories are not new and are consistent with what we have been hearing for some years.

HMC encourages all slaughterhouses and shops to work hard in ensuring the integrity of Qurbani for the pleasure of the Almighty and for the sake of the hard-working trusting Muslim consumers. HMC requests continued dua and support from all readers.

**“HMC taking deceit
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Fiqh Corner



Q. Is the rendition of the name of Allah a necessary condition at the time of slaughter?

A. Yes, the name of Allah is a necessary condition at the time of slaughter. Allah says in the Quran, Surah Al An'aam, verse 121; 'Eat not (O believers) of that (meat) on which Allâh's Name has not been pronounced (at the time of the slaughtering of the animal), for sure it is Fisq (a sin and disobedience of Allâh) and Certainly, the Shayâtin (devils) do inspire their friends (from mankind) to dispute with you, and if You obey them [by making AlMaytatah (a dead animal) legal by eating it], Then You would indeed be Mushrikûn (polytheists) [because they (devils and their friends) made lawful to You to eat that which Allâh has made unlawful to eat and You obeyed them by considering it lawful to eat, and by doing so You worshipped them, and to Worship others besides Allâh is polytheism].'

Q. Can the name of Allah be recited by someone other the slaughterman who is slaughtering the animal?

A. The name of Allah has to be recited by the person slaughtering and not someone else. If someone other than the person slaughtering recites the name of Allah, the animal will not be halal. Imam Hasfaki in the great scholarly work Durre Mukhtar has mentioned 'the tasmiyah is a condition by the slaughterman (at the time of slaughter)'. The renowned 19th century scholar, Imam ibn Abideen mentions in Raddul Mukhtar in explaining the words 'by the slaughterman' says 'this is to clarify that if someone other than the slaughterman who is physically carrying out the slaughter recites the tasmiyah, then the animal will not be halal.

(Raddul Mukhtar, Kitub Thabaaih vol. 9, page 438).

This ruling makes the machine slaughter of KFC even more dubious as the machine is carrying out the slaughtering and there are apparently people (given the name of 'licensed slaughtermen') standing on the side, not involved with the slaughter, reciting the name of Allah as the chickens are slaughtered by the machine.



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152 Deane Road, Bolton

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54 Hartington Road, Leicester
Royal Chicken & Pizza
54a Granby Street, Leicester
Royal Chicken & Pizza
192 Evington Road, Leicester
Sparken Chicken
72 Sparkenhoe Street, Leicester
The No. 1 Pizza & Kebab
60 Vulcan Rd, Leicester
Ton Ton Chicken
140 East Park Road, Leicester
Zaytoun
9 Highfield Street, Leicester

London - East
A'la Pizza
28 Upton Lane, Forest Gate
A'la Pizza
201 Mile End Road, Mile End
**Ahmed's Perfect Fried
Chicken**
61 Vicarage Lane, Stratford
AJ's Chicken & Pizza
221 Ley Street, Ilford, Essex
Al-Farooq Kebabish
435 Barking Road, East Ham
Al-Farooq Kebabish
84 Upton Lane, Forest Gate
Al-Farooq Kebabish
730 Lea Bridge Road, Waltham
Forest
**Al Firdous Restaurant &
Takeaway**
187 Plashet Road, Forest Gate
**Al-Haq's Family
Restaurant**
65 Queens Road, Walthamstow
Al-Madina
54 Cannon Street Road,
Whitechapel,
Aladdin's BBQ & Grill
121 Ley Street, Ilford

Baraka Eatery

London Muslim Centre, 38-40
Whitechapel Rd
Bar B Q Base
106 Mile End Road, Whitechapel
Bar B Q Base
832 Romford Road, Manor Park
BBQ XPress
826 High Road, Leyton
Creamz Diner
119 New Road, Whitechapel
Dixy Chicken
282 Barking Road, East Ham
Dixy Fried Chicken
372 High Street North, Manor
Park
Euro Fried Chicken & Pizza
90 Upton Lane, Forest Gate
Griller (6)
649 High Road, Seven Kings
Griller (3)
63 Goodmayes Road,
Goodmayes
Griller (5)
200 High Street, Walthamstow
GrillFellas
88 Katherine Road, East Ham
Hyderabadi Spice
309 High Street North, Manor
Park
Jungle Braai Barbeque
115 Wood Street, Walthamstow
Kashmir Kebabish
45 Chatsworth Road, Clapton
Khushbu Grill House
74 Whitechapel High Street
Lahore XPress
265 Bethnal Green Road
Lahore XPress
99 Green Street, Forest Gate
London Fried Chicken
112 - 116 Whitechapel Rd,
Tower Hamlets
Madina Kebabish
85a Upton Lane, Forest Gate
Maedah Grill
42 Fieldgate Street, Whitechapel
Mai'da Indian Eatery
148 - 150 Bethnal Green Rd
Mauritian Delights
409 Lea Bridge Road, Leyton
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**Whoever builds a Masjid,
seeking the pleasure of Allah,
Allah shall build a house
for him in Paradise
- Bukhari**

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahey Wabarakatahu

The Kent Muslim Welfare Association was set up in the 70's by
Muslims living in Kent. Since that time our community has
continued to grow and grow and we have reached the limitation of
our current Masjid.

We are currently undertaking a major project to establish a new
purpose built Masjid centre that would serve the local Muslim
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you all with the best of this world and the hereafter.

Jazakallahu Khayran

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London - North

Taste Of Lahore
417 High Road, Wembley
Pepe's Piri Piri
413 - 415 High Road, Wembley
Pepe's Piri Piri
11 Watford Way, Hendon

London - South West

Al-Mirage Restaurant
215 Upper Tooting Road
Dawat Restaurant
200 Upper Tooting Road
Griller (1)
1420 London Road, Norbury
La Pizza & Kebab House
118 Upper Tooting Road
Spice Village Restaurant
32 - 34 Upper Tooting Road
Tandoor Restaurant
1423 London Road, Norbury

London - West

Griller (12)
96 The Green, Southall
Pepe's Piri Piri
168 The Broadway, Southall
Shaik's Restaurant
47 - 49 Spring Grove Rd,
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**Al-Halal Chicken & Pizza
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158 Dunstable Road, Luton
Buffet Lounge
106 Dunstable Road, Luton
Karahi Centre
122 Dunstable Road, Luton
Karahi Roti Junction
399 Dunstable Road, Luton
Kashmiri Spice
126 Leagrave Road, Luton
Shahi Nan Kebab
205 Dunstable Road, Luton

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284 Stanhope Street, Newcastle
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52 St Andrews Street,
Newcastle
Rayyan
18 West Road, Newcastle
Sulaimaniy
32 West Road, Newcastle

Nottingham

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Revert Appalled by KFC

As a revert/convert to Islam I can't say I was that excited about the launch of "Halal" KFC. I had eaten my fair share of tower burgers, popcorn chicken and scalding hot sweetcorn. I think many Muslims in Britain have grown up with KFC adverts extolling the virtues of the colonels special recipe chicken. So for them, the prospect of being able to eat KFC after being forbidden from eating it their entire lives was very exciting. E-mails spread like wildfire, ranging from KFC is Halal to claims that KFC was certified by HMC. Without checking or verifying, many brothers and sisters rushed to KFC.

The branches trialling the "Halal" products had their largest sales in history with scores of Muslims queuing down the street outside. My wife had been brought to KFC by another sister and they also had a finger lickin' experience. Being slightly more cautious, I viewed the website of KFC to find out if it was really true. What I read initially surprised me and later disgusted me as in answer to the question 'have you changed your suppliers of chicken?', KFC wrote, 'we still continue to use the same suppliers as previously' - the same suppliers used by major retailers in the UK. This immediately rang alarm bells in my head. Sainsburys, Tescos and the like were hardly the places I rushed to when I thought of buying my Halal meat. After reading more, I discovered that the company signing off the Halal process was the 'Halal Food Authority' (HFA). I didn't really know anything about the HFA so I decided to look at their website. I discovered from their own website that they approve machine slaughter and claim

that this does not make the animal Haram. With a basic understanding of the Halal slaughter method, even I knew that the vast majority of scholars do not allow machine slaughter. I decided to contact the HFA and ask under whose guidance they made what the majority of Ulama consider Haram to be Halal?

I sent several e-mails with no response so I called them. They failed to provide names of scholars who had approved their machine slaughter method and repeated the mantra 'mechanised slaughter does not render the chicken/bird Haram!' and said that they have been established for a long time in the UK. My anger increased as I spoke to the imams and scholars in East London all within a 2 mile radius of three KFC outlets. I met with at least twenty different scholars and did not find one that approved the method of machine slaughter. I have sent questions to KFC and HFA as they claim to listen to consumers and asked whether they have consulted the local Imams where they introduced so-called Halal outlets and I am yet to receive a response six months on.

I decided to inform unsuspecting Muslims in the area so with a colleague of mine we spent our lunch breaks after Salah and after work distributing a simple flyer with information on the issue. Some of the staff came out from KFC and spoke to us and were extremely surprised that this was the type of Halal they were selling. Previous to the Halal certification, they had been selling Haram meat but everyone who walked through their doors knew that. Now at last they thought they were doing

something good. One employee said, "I will quit my job", he was not happy. We spoke to hundreds of people and most thanked us and took their business elsewhere. The HFA spent the next few weeks visiting the branches on a daily basis talking to staff. The irony is that after certification they hardly visit the slaughterhouse, restaurants or butchers.

Something very important came out of this time we had spent. As Muslims we put our trust in the seller that when they claim something is Halal, then it is. Unfortunately this is not the case; other Halal restaurants in the area did not even know if their meat was mechanically or manually slaughtered. I myself then contacted trading standards who stated that as there is no definition for Halal in the UK they can not act. This in effect means that any person can set up a business, let's say for example a fast food chicken shop, call it Halal and sell Haram meat to Muslims. I was surprised that no one had raised this issue, although, I have noticed that the Muslim Council of Britain (MCB) has drafted guidelines for a definition of Halal slaughter. They have over 500 Muslim organisations under their wing and define Halal slaughter as not stunned and manually slaughtered. We should support them in bringing into legislation a legal definition for Halal. Please brothers and sisters ask if your butcher or restaurant is selling mechanically slaughtered meat. If they are or don't know, eat somewhere else.

Brother Kelvin, East London

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