

Q: 67 – Title: If a Muslim forgets to say “Allahu akbar” at the time of sacrifice, does the animal become haram?

Question

As-salamu ‘alaykum.

If a Muslim sacrifices a goat or sheep, but forgets to say “Allahu akbar” during the act, does the animal become *haram*? If he remembers later and says “Allahu akbar,” will that make it *halal*?

Please clarify. Jazakum Allah khayran.

Answer

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

As-sal?mu ‘alaykum wa-rahmatullahi wa-barakatuh.

It is necessary to slaughter with the name of Allah (*tasmiyah*). The proper words for the *tasmiyah* are
“*bismillahi Allahu akbar*,”
although
“*bismillah*”
would suffice, as well.

If a Muslim forgets to say the *tasmiyah* at the time of slaughtering, then the animal is still *halal*. He does not need to say the words afterward.

However, if he/she leaves it out intentionally, then the animal will not be *halal*.

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And Allah knows best.

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