

QURBANI (UDHIYYAH) PROGRAMME

Qurbani is derived from the Arabic root word Qurbaan meaning closeness or nearness i.e. to Allah Ta'ala. In the Arab world the preferred terminology is Udhiyyah. It is undertaken by Muslims worldwide through animal sacrifice in keeping with the tradition of the Prophet Ibrahim or Abraham Peace be upon him, the Patriarch of the three monotheistic religions. He was commanded to sacrifice his son, Ismail according to Muslims and Isaac, according to others Peace be upon them all.

It is one of the most important annual festivals and acts of worship in Islam. On this blessed day we relive the struggle and sacrifices of Prophet Abraham (Peace be upon him) and his message, the importance of which is emphasised in the Noble Quran;

“And who could be of better faith than he who surrenders his whole being unto Allâh and is a doer of good and follows the creed of Ibrahim who turned away from all that is false – And Allah chose Ibrahim as His friend.” (An-Nisaa: 125)

It is incumbent to ensure that the Qurbani is carried out in strict accordance to the Shariah (Islamic Law) to guard against inadvertent errors and transgressions which will nullify the benefits.

SANHA in a timely intervention had developed a public education programme that was introduced in Gauteng prior to Eid ul Adha last year with great success. Alhamdulillah!

The programme conducted at various Masaajid, is presented by Ulama and covers the History and virtues of Qurbani, treatment of animals, the local regulations and is followed by an open Question and Answer session.

SANHA is now bringing this programme to you. With Eid ul Adha just a few weeks away, please ask the Imaam or official of your Masjid to contact us to arrange this to be conducted in the Masjid or institution in your area.

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