

Eid al-Adha in a Bleeding Ummah

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Today is the 10th of Dhul Hijjah. Across the Muslim world, families are gathering for the Eid prayer, embracing one another, and slaughtering animals in remembrance of Ibrahim, peace be upon him. This article is a short reminder on this day. We will begin by congratulating the Ummah with the words and proofs the Salaf left us, and then we will turn to the wound that no Eid can hide: Palestine, East Turkistan, and the rest of our occupied lands.

The Greeting of the Day

Jubayr ibn Nufayr reported: "When the companions of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ met one another on the day of Eid, they would say to one another:

> *Taqabbal Allahu minna wa minkum (May Allah accept from us and from you)."*[1]

Imam Ahmad ibn Hanbal said about this practice:

> *"There is nothing wrong with one man saying to another on the day of Eid: Taqabbal Allahu minna wa minka."*[2]

So with the tongue of the Sahaba, we say to every Muslim reading this: **Taqabbal Allahu minna wa minkum.** May Allah accept your fasting, your prayers, your sacrifice, your duʿaʾ, and every act of worship you offered Him.

The Day of Sacrifice

Allah said:

> فَصَلِّ لِرَبِّكَ وَٱنْحَرْ
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> *"So pray and sacrifice to your Lord ˹alone˺"*[3]

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[1] Jubayr ibn Nufayr, narrated in al-Mahamili's *Salat al-ʿIdayn*, isnad graded hasan by Ibn Hajar in *Fath al-Bari* 2:446. See https://shariahweb.wordpress.com/2012/08/20/taqaballahu-minna-wa-minkum-whats-the-proof/

[2] Imam Ahmad ibn Hanbal, cited in Ibn Qudamah, *al-Mughni* 2:259. See https://myislam.org/taqabbalallahu-minna-wa-minkum/

[3] Surah Al-Kawthar, 108:2

The Prophet ﷺ tied the meaning of this day to obedience and remembrance, not consumption. Al-Bara ibn Azib reported the Prophet ﷺ saying on the day of Nahr:

> *"First of all we should say our Eid prayer and then slaughter an animal for sacrifice. Whoever does so follows my example."*[4]

And Aisha narrated that the Prophet ﷺ said:

> *"There is no action by the son of Adam on the Day of Nahr more beloved to Allah than the spilling of blood (of sacrifice). It will come on the Day of Judgment with its horns, hair, and hooves, and the blood is accepted by Allah before it falls upon the earth, so let your heart delight in it."*[5]

This is what Eid is for the believer. A prayer, a sacrifice, a meal shared, and a heart turned to Allah.

And Yet

While we hold the knives and gather around the meat, our brothers in Gaza are entering their **third Eid al-Adha under genocide**. Reports from this week confirm that **no live animals have been allowed into Gaza for sacrifice, livestock prices have risen from 1,300 shekels to over 15,000 shekels where animals exist at all**, and the strip remains under a ceasefire that has not stopped the killing.[6] Since the ceasefire of October 2025, **over 870 Palestinians have been killed and over 2,500 wounded.**[7] For the third year in a row, Palestinians in Gaza have been unable to perform Hajj.[8]

In East Turkistan, our Uyghur brothers and sisters are still in concentration camps. Fasting is criminalized. The greeting of Eid is whispered, if at all. There is no slaughter, no gathering, no khutbah they are permitted to hear in freedom.

In Sudan, in Kashmir, in Yemen, in Arakan, Eid arrives with the smell of smoke, not meat.

The Prophet ﷺ said:

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[4] *Mishkat al-Masabih*, Kitab al-Salat, citing Bukhari/Muslim. See https://www.alhakam.org/eid-al-adha-and-qurbani-sacrifices

[5] Tirmidhi, Kitab al-Adahi. See https://www.islamic-relief.org.uk/giving/islamic-giving/qurbani/qurbani-in-the-quran-and-hadith/

[6] https://www.thenationalnews.com/news/mena/2026/05/27/gaza-families-struggle-to-recapture-joy-of-eid-al-adha-with-sacrificial-animals-out-of-reach/

[7] https://www.palestinechronicle.com/gaza-marks-third-eid-al-adha-under-genocide-as-hunger-and-attacks-deepen-crisis/

[8] Ibid

> *"The believers in their mutual kindness, compassion, and sympathy are just like one body. When one of the limbs suffers, the whole body responds to it with wakefulness and fever."*[9]

If our Ummah is one body, then today our limbs in Gaza are bleeding while our other limbs are smiling for photos. A body in that state is sick. A body that feels nothing when its hand is severed is not alive.

The Khilafah Is the Answer

Eid was never meant to be a private holiday for individual families. Eid is the day of the Muslim **community**, gathered under one leadership, hearing one khutbah, protected by one shield. The Prophet ﷺ said:

> *"The Imam is a shield behind whom they fight and by whom they are protected."*[10]

We have no shield. That is why Gaza has no sacrifice. That is why Al-Aqsa has no Khateeb of its own. That is why the Uyghur cannot say Allahu Akbar out loud.

Allah commanded:

> وَٱعْتَصِمُوا۟ بِحَبْلِ ٱللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا۟

> *"And hold firmly together to the rope of Allah and do not be divided."*[11]

Imam al-Mawardi wrote in *al-Ahkam al-Sultaniyyah*:

> *"The Imamah (Khilafah) is the succession of Prophethood in the protection of the deen and the managing of the worldly affairs, and its contract for the one who fulfils it in the Ummah is an obligation by consensus."*[12]

The classical scholars of all four madhahib transmitted ijmaʿ on this obligation. The fall of the Khilafah in 1924 was not just the loss of a flag. It was the loss of the body that gave Eid its full meaning. Every Eid since then has been an Eid of fragments.

What You Should Do Today

Pray the Eid prayer. Embrace your family. Slaughter if you can, and feed the poor. Eat, smile, and thank Allah, because Allah loves to see His servants enjoy His blessings.

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[9] Riyad as-Salihin 224 / Sahih Muslim
[10] Sahih Muslim 1841
[11] Surah Al-Imran, 3:103
[12] Imam al-Mawardi, *al-Ahkam al-Sultaniyyah*

Then, when the plates are cleared, sit alone for ten minutes and ask yourself: **What did I do this year for the Ummah that has no Eid?**

Donate. Speak. Write. Boycott. Teach your children the names of Gaza, Khan Younis, Kashgar, Urumqi. Refuse normalization in every form. And carry in your heart, this Eid and every day after, the obligation that the scholars of Islam agreed upon for fourteen centuries: the return of the Khilafah that will stand between the wolves and our people.

Taqabbal Allahu minna wa minkum. And may the next Eid find Al-Aqsa free, the camps in East Turkistan empty, and our Ummah, by the will of Allah, one again.

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