

"Halal Slaughter Should Be Banned - No Sharia In This Land"

by Mike Ramirez and Roger Vengunta



Lauren Morris (left) and animal rights activists at the Asian American Resource Center, Austin, TX, Dec. 7, 2019

Austin, TX - An avid group of animal rights activists gathered in Austin, Texas on Saturday, December 7th, (Pearl Harbor Day) to protest the Capitol Area "Halal Festival" sponsored by CAIR-Austin (Council on American Islamic Relations). The festival was held at the Asian American Resource Center, owned and operated by the City of Austin Parks & Recreation Department. Participants in the protest travelled from San Antonio, Houston and Galveston to support Lauren Comele Morris, protest organizer, who is calling for the immediate prohibition of Halal slaughter in America. Morris stated that Halal slaughter is an extremely cruel and inhumane method of killing animals for food.

Halal is the Islamic method of slaughter in which the throat of an animal is completely slit while it is still alive and then allowed to slowly bleed to death. An Islamic ritual prayer invoking the name of Allah must be prayed over each animal prior to its being slaughtered. Halal meats sold in stores are identified by an approved seal on the package indicating that it is Halal certified.

Morris added that "Animal cruelty is now a federal crime," making reference to H.R.724, the bi-partisan bill signed into law by President Trump on November 25th, also known as the PACT Act (Preventing Animal Cruelty and Torture). While all 50 states already enforce animal cruelty laws at the state level, the new legislation immediately grants federal authorities the jurisdiction to not be bound by state laws in imposing fines and anyone charged with animal cruelty could face imprisonment for up to seven years, particularly if the cruelty occurs on federal property.

"The Asian American Resource Center should be remembering Pearl Harbor Day - not celebrating Islamic barbaric animal slaughter," Morris added. "The City of Austin should be remembering our soldiers and our heroes and our United States heritage - we should not be celebrating what is permissible animal slaughter."

The sign-carrying group of animal rights activists paced back and forth along the sidewalk in front of the venue while Morris, with bullhorn in hand, blared out for all to hear, "Halal slaughter should be banned - No Sharia in this land."

Another concern that animal rights activists have is the Islamic teaching that Muslims are forbidden to own a dog for a pet and that dogs should be killed. According to the Islamic prophet, Muhammad, dogs are to be killed except for those who are used for guarding agricultural fields. However, it is mandatory to kill all black dogs because they were believed by Muhammad to be demons, according to Hadith; the teachings and sayings of Muhammad.¹ Killing dogs is a common occurrence in the Middle East and animal lovers fear that the Islamic ruling will spread into U.S. neighborhoods.

Prior to the start of the protest, Morris read the following statement to the media: "Today we are doing what our founding fathers would want us to do and what our Senator Ted Cruz stated we must do. We must confront the Islamization of our society on the local level as citizens. We are here today to let the Austin City Parks and Rec Department and the Asian Resource Center know that we citizens do not want them supporting and implementing in our state and our communities what is Sharia compliant and permissible (Halal) in Islam. We wholly object to the barbaric method of animal slaughter as cruel torture and unnecessary to the extent it is criminal behavior and therefore a punishable offense. If you want to know the extent of factory farm reality please visit CCTV for Slaughterhouses. WE also do not want Halal foods in our supermarkets and the certification taxes imposed on the citizenry especially without their knowledge. We do not want it in our food banks and on our school menus. We do not want our society to be ignorant to Islamic influence operations. No Halal Slaughter!"

"If the Austin Halal Festival is evidence of anything, it just further exposes that CAIR is still engaged in effectuating the Quranic Concept of War on the West," Morris said, "and its function is imposing Sharia into American democracy inch by inch through influence operations that appear to be friendly."



The Halal Festival operated from 12 noon to 5:00 pm and was advertised as a family event. Food vendors, crafts and jewelry booths and children's activities were included along with entertainment and informational presentations instructing Muslims about how to deal with the FBI and law enforcement officials. A voter registration table was also set up through CAIR's nationwide effort to register as many Muslims as possible in

order to elect more Islamic representatives into local, state and federal government positions. The goal is to have at least 30 more Muslim representatives elected to Congress and one appointed to the Supreme Court, stated Nihad Awad, Executive Director of CAIR, when he recently addressed the organization's 25th Annual Gala in Washington DC. Awad envisions an aggressive appointment of several Muslim federal judges and more Muslims involved in Hollywood's entertainment industry.



From left: Sona Shah, Maira Sheikh, Roger Vengunta Halal food booths at Capitol Area Halal Festival

To get a perspective from Halal Festival organizers, Roger Vengunta, team reporter for Christian Reporter News, interviewed Sona Shah, director of the Asian American Resource Center, and Maira Sheikh, Director of CAIR-Austin. Both representatives were unaware of the exact method of Halal slaughter. "I don't know the details of Halal except that it is a specific Islamic way of slaughtering animals," said Shah, "I don't think it is an inhumane and cruel way of killing animals." When CAIR director, Maira Sheikh, was asked about Halal slaughter, she replied, "We don't consider it as cruel - it's an Islamic ritual that is practiced by Muslims all across the world. It's just like any other animal slaughter." Vengunta, informed her that Halal is not the same and involves slitting the animal's throat and letting it die by bleeding to death, Sheikh replied, "No, that's not true. No it's not..." (unable to finish her thoughts in response)

The Halal Festival was the first such event held in the Austin area by CAIR and plans are to make this an annual event, according to Sona Shah, director of the Asian American Resource Center located at 8401 Cameron Road, Austin, TX.



For added impact to her organized protest, Morris hired a pilot to fly his plane over the Asian American Resource Center with a banner that read "**Animal Cruelty Must Stop.**"

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<https://www.laurencomelemorris.com/laurencomelemorris/halal-slaughter-is-animal-cruelty>

¹ Islamic ruling on dogs: Sunan Abu Dawud: Book 16, Number 2839 / Sahih Muslim 004 Number 1032, also Sahih Muslim, Book 024, Number 5246-5248 & Sahih Bukhari, Volume 4, Book 54, Number 541
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