



Petition against the imposition of *halal*

Operation Nehemiah, an initiative of Barnabas Fund, is committed to maintaining Christian values of freedom of conscience, speech and religion for the next generation in Church and society.

Operation Nehemiah supports the freedom of Muslims and other religious groups to access food that meets the requirements of their faith, but we believe that *halal* food should not be imposed on everybody.

We believe that Christians and other non-Muslims should have the freedom to make an informed choice about whether or not to eat meat that has been religiously slaughtered according to sharia (Islamic law).

We recommend that *halal* food should always be labelled as such, and that non-*halal* alternatives should always be available to consumers.

Muslims are working actively to integrate *halal* meat into the mainstream market and to extend it to non-Muslims. This has already progressed much further than anyone might have realised until recently.

- *Halal* meat is being sold at some of Britain's favourite supermarkets and is routinely served at some of Britain's most popular sporting venues, pubs, schools and hospitals, without the public's knowledge. MPs recently complained that *halal* food had been served in House of Commons restaurants without their being informed. The use of *halal* meat in the UK is increasing so fast that already most of the imported lamb on our shelves is *halal*.
- *Halal* products (i.e. those permitted by sharia law) are also found in the travel, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, finance and other sectors.
- The spread of *halal* is part of a Muslim commitment to Islamic mission (*dawa*) and the Islamisation of non-Muslim societies. The imposition of sharia practices on non-Muslims may be interpreted as an assertion of Islamic supremacy.



Please sign the petition overleaf and encourage others to do so to help stop the general Islamisation of food in the UK that has occurred in some other non-Muslim countries. Your support will make a difference.

For more details on the spread of *halal* products in the UK and elsewhere, please visit:
<http://www.barnabasfund.org/spread-of-halal>