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Q: When two tribes quarrel and it is feared that they may slay each other, a third tribe comes between them and slaughters an animal at the home of one of them.

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They slaughter the animal and gather together to eat it to reconcile between the two disputing parties. What is the ruling on this slaughtering?

A: If there is no other purpose behind the slaughtering of this animal at the home of one of two disputing parties, than to gather them for a reconciliation and to eat the meat, this will be considered as one of the means to achieve a reconciliation that was enjoined by Allah (may He be Exalted), when He says: (The believers are nothing else than brothers (in Islamic religion). So make reconciliation between your brothers, and fear Allah )It will also be considered as a means to organize a reunion, clear the air, and show generosity to those who attend the reconciliation gathering. Accordingly, we do not see any objection to this.

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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