

Selling food in country of disbelievers during Ramadhaan

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: I work as a tradesman in a fast food restaurant in a country of disbelievers; so is it permissible for me to sell these foods during Ramadhaan after the prayer of Al-`Asr (afternoon prayer)? Knowing that, among the customers, there are disbelievers and there are Muslims, and may Allaah reward you with good.

Answer: All praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds. Peace and blessing be upon whom Allaah sent as a mercy to the Worlds, upon his Family, his Companions and his Brothers till the Day of Resurrection.

It is not permissible to help someone who must fast the month of Ramadhaan as a matter of principle, like the Muslims, or someone who must fast it after realising the condition of Islaam, like the disbelievers, in violating the month of Ramadhaan by eating, as it is a help in sin and transgression, in accordance with Allaah's تعالى saying:

وَتَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْبِرِّ وَالتَّقْوَىٰ وَلَا تَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْإِثْمِ وَالْعُدْوَانِ

[Help you one another in Al-Birr and Al-Taqwaa (virtue, righteousness and piety); but do not help one another in sin and transgression.]¹

Because disbelievers, according to the most correct opinion, are enjoined to abide by the branches of the Sharee'ah, and that they incur punishment if they die as disbelievers because of abandoning performing the branches of the Sharee'ah and among them fasting. As regards when they are disbelievers, they are enjoined to abide by the branches of the Sharee'ah after the realisation of the condition of Islaam. Besides, you can see another fatwa in the same topic under the title: "**Giving food to disbeliever in the day of Ramadhaan**"².

The perfect knowledge belongs to Allaah. Our last prayer is all praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds. Peace and blessing be upon our Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ, his Family, his Companions and Brothers till the Day of Resurrection.

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¹ Soorah al-Maa'idah [5:2]

² <http://www.learnaboutislam.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Regarding-giving-food-to-disbeliever-in-the-day-of-Ramadhaan.pdf>