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What is the ruling on eating the meat of animals slaughtered by the people who invoke Al-Hasan, Al-Husayn and `Ali at times of adversity?

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Q: The person asking this question along with a group of people live at the northern borders close to the Iraqi centers. There is a Shiite community belonging to the Ja`fari school of thought. Some of people refuse to eat the meat of animals sacrificed by these Ja`fari people. Others eat from it. We wonder if it is lawful to eat this meat or not taking into consideration that they invoke `Ali, Al-Hasan, Al-Husayn, and their leaders in times of adversity or prosperity.

A: If the situation is as the questioner mentioned that the Shiites of the Ja`fari sect invoke `Ali, Al-Hasan, Al-Husayn, and their leaders, they are committing an act of Shirk (associating others in worship with Allah) and thus they are apostate. Therefore, it is unlawful to eat of the meat of the animals sacrificed by them, for it is considered meat of dead animals even if they mention Allah's Name when slaughtering them.

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

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