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Slaughtering for anyone other than Allah

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The fourth question of Fatwa No. (2450) :

Q 4: Some people practice the custom of slaughtering animals at the grave of a person whom they believe to be one of the Awliy'a (pious people). They also assign a share of their tilth and cattle to these "so-called" Awliya' for the purpose of seeking their blessings or fending off afflictions to their children and their means of livelihood.

A: Islam prohibits the slaughtering of animals or distribution of food or fruits near graveyards. Such practices are considered an act of major Shirk (a major form of associating others in worship with Allah) if they are done with the intention of attaining the pleasure of a Waliy (pious man) or seeking his Shafa`ah (intercession) or for removing an affliction or other such intentions like those made by worshippers of the graves.

The Permanent Committee has previously received a similar question to this one and the answer was provided in Fatwa No.(189).

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