

Press Release



Meat Unfit for Human Consumption

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The Muslim Community views with serious concern recent reports of massive seizure of illegal meat by enforcement officers in London on Thursday 19 June 2003, as part of a national epicenter of raids of premises in the country involving many local authorities.

Dr Ahmed Al Dubayan, the Director of the London Central Mosque Trust & The Islamic Cultural Centre, said:

“The trade could only be completely controlled by cutting the supply. Many Muslim butchers selling meat are untrained and are only doing it to make a living.

It is unacceptable and offensive to Muslims who may be eating food that is unfit for human consumption and forbidden by their religious beliefs”.

“Most of the seized meat, which including pomo (smoked cattle hide) sheep’s brains, poultry, gizzards, goat meat, cattle feet and meat destined for pet food being purchased at licensed abattoirs across the country and processed and packaged for re-introduction into the human food chain and mostly sold from Halal butchers outlets.

These are ongoing issues not affecting only ethnic minorities but also harm the country livestock.

Thank you to the Environmental Health News ‘Stamp **it out**’ campaign, which highlighted the problem and created more awareness among food authorities. I hope these raids continue until the rancid trade is stamped out” said Dr Yunes Teinaz, practicing Senior Environmental Health Officer, and Health Advisor for the Islamic Cultural Centre ”.

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