

MEDIA STATEMENT

Tuesday, 27 September 2011

KORBAN 2011/1432H

Introduction

1. The JKMS (Singapore Mosques Korban Committee) wish to inform you that the price of sheep available to the community for this year's Hari Raya Haji sacrificial rites is **SGD\$443.50** per sheep, which is 18% more from last year's price of SGD\$375.00. The price of \$443.50 includes cost of supply of the sheep, all procedures and administrative charges, land transportation, airfreighting, insurance as well as operational cost incurred by the mosques to carry out the Korban rites.

Rationale for price increase

2. This increase in price is expected and can be attributed to the following;
- i) Steep increase in price of sheep from suppliers by more than 40%
 - ii) Stronger AUS\$ currency now than last year – up by more than 10%;
 - iii) The natural disasters (flood and drought) in several parts of Australia which have affected the supply of sheep
 - iv) Inflation and its impact on freight, logistics and transportation costs;
3. The JKMS is also of the view that this higher price is also reflective of the current price of meat in the market and supermarkets, which has significantly increased compared to last year. Our market check also pointed to the same conclusion.
4. Although the Korban rite is not a compulsory religious obligation for every Muslim, JKMS acknowledges that the price increase may be a cause of discomfort to some sectors of the community. As such, as part of its due diligence, the JKMS explored various options which would enable the mosques to offer this service at a lower price.

5. As an outcome of this exercise, the JKMS is pleased to announce that for the first time, it will be also offering goats and at a slightly lower price than that of the sheep i.e. **SGD\$395.00** per goat. This differentiated pricing was possible because the supply of goats is not affected by the natural disasters.

6. As in last year, all sacrificial animals will be air freighted.

Approved Korban Vendor

7. The sacrificial animals will be supplied by our Approved Korban Vendor (AKV) i.e. Mini Environment Services Pte Ltd (MES) whom the JKMS had contracted for three years from 2010 to 2012.

Registration

8. Registration for Korban 2011 opens from **Tuesday, 27 September 2011.** (today). Members of the public who wish to perform Korban rites can place their orders for sheep and goats at all participating mosques and organisations (Please refer to Annex A for list of mosques and organisations which are providing this service. Altogether 42 mosques and two organisations will be carrying out the rites this time) .The closing date for registration is **Friday, 28 October 2011.**

9. As per previous years, our AKV will be providing a dedicated website: <http://www.meskorban.sg> for participating mosques and organisations to update the status of orders in real time. Members of the public can browse the website to download order forms and to check their order status. However, they will have to go to the mosque of their choice for registration and payment.

No Phototaking

10. The media and members of the public are advised to strictly observe the requirement that phototaking or video-recording is prohibited at the slaughter area.

LIST OF MOSQUES & MUSLIM ORGANISATIONS PERFORMING KORBAN 2011 WITH JKMS

Mosques

No	Cluster	Mosques
1	North West	Al-Huda
2		Al-Iman
3		Assyafaah
4		Darul Makmur
5		Pertempatan Melayu
6	South West	Assyakirin
7		Ar-Raudhah
8		Almukminin
9		Hasanah
10		Darussalam
11		Tentera DiRaja
12		Hang Jebat
13		Al-Khair
14		Al-Firdaus
15	North East	Al-Istighfar
16		Alkaff Kg Melayu
17		Darul Ghufuran
18		En-Naeem
19		Haji Yusoff
20		Al-Istiqamah
21		Al-Mawaddah
22	South East	Mydin
23		Alkaff US
24		Al-Ansar
25		Darul Aman
26		Kampung Siglap
27		Kassim
28	Central	Abdul Hamid Kg Pasiran
29		Ahmad Ibrahim
30		Al-Falah
31		Al-Muttaqin
32		An-Nahdhah
33		Hjh Rahimabi
34		Al-Amin
35		Hj Mohd Salleh (Geylang)
36		Jamae Chulia
37		Jamiyah Ar-Rabitah
38		Malabar
39		Mujahidin
40		Abdul Gafoor
41		Sultan
42		Omar Kg Melaka

Muslim Organisations

1	Muhammadiyah Association
2	PERGAS