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HUNTING AND HALAL CONCEPT

Yes, it is permissible for a Muslim to hunt and eat the meat from Wild Deer. Basically there are two conditions to consider a meat as Halal.

1. The meat should be from the Animal which is lawful in Islamic Law (Shariah) e.g. Cow.
2. To slaughter (Zabah) the lawful animal as per the Islamic Law (Shariah) e.g. the slaughterer is Muslim, To read Bismilahi Allahu Akbar at the time of slaughtering.

If the hunter is Non-Muslim, So the rulings are as follows:

- i. Non-Muslim Hunter has hunted the lawful animal (e.g. Deer) and he slaughtered it himself, So clearly in this situation the animal is not Halal (lawful), because the slaughterer is Non-Muslim.
- ii. Muslim Hunter has hunted the animal and before its death he slaughtered the animal as per the Islamic Law (Shariah), So in this situation the animal is Halal (Lawful), because the slaughterer is Muslim.

Now, if the Hunter is Muslim and the animal is shot dead by the bullet, In this condition, there are discordance between the Jurist of Islam (Fuqaha).

Some of them said that the animal is Halal (Lawful), because shooting by bullet is the substitute of slaughtering (Zabah).

Some of them said that shot dead by the bullet only is insufficient to make the animal Halal (Lawful). It is necessary to slaughter (Zabah) the animal.

However, it is better to slaughter the animal after the animal is shot by the bullet, so that the animal will be considered as Halal understandingly.

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