



WHY DO CERTAIN MUSLIMS BOYCOTT CERTAIN PRODUCTS – IS THIS A RECOMMENDED ACT?

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Boycotting is a process by which people, and governments, can apply pressure through not purchasing their goods or doing business with them; its aim is to affect a country or a group of people to act differently. Sanctions are an extreme version of boycotting.

I know of individuals who have boycotted against Denmark when Jyllends-Posten published cartoons and claimed them to depict the Prophet. I know of individuals and groups who have boycotted against purchasing Israeli goods due to the aggression carried out by Israel against the Palestinian people. As an extension of that individuals have boycotted against those organisations and manufacturers who have intentionally selected Israel to build their plants and sites in order to aid the Israeli government and people.

Obviously for boycotting to be effective and legal it should be targeted and not indiscriminate so in the instance of the 'cartoons' to target all Denmark and its people made it ineffective and not absolutely legal.

Individuals may promote the boycotting of various organisations and they are free to do so, but they cannot compel or look down upon those that don't. Furthermore, the product is not illegal or disliked as nobody can make something illegal which Allah, the Almighty, has permitted. It is an individual's choice, unless a reputable legal scholar decides to issue a fatwa.

In summary, a person may choose to boycott a group of individuals or organisation if they decide to do so and with the correct intentions and if the situation requires it then they will be rewarded. If a person opts not to boycott then they will not be regarded as a sinner.

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