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Saudi Arabia's Permanent Council of Senior Scholars on Boycotting Products Manufactured by Non-Muslims¹

Question: Some people these days call others to boycott American products and companies like Pizza Hut, McDonald's, etc. So, should we comply with such requests? Are transactions like buying and selling with non-Muslims in countries at war against us permissible, or are they only allowed with those with whom we have peace?

Answer: It is allowed to buy any product that is permissible in itself no matter where it was produced unless the government commands that we should boycott something for some benefit to Islam or the Muslims. This is because the general rule regarding buying and selling is that it's allowed, Allāh (ﷻ) says:

﴿ وَأَحَلَّ اللَّهُ الْبَيْعَ ﴾

And Allāh has made selling permissible.

[Sūrah al-Baqarah, 2:275]

And the prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) used to buy things from the Jews.²

¹ This fatwā was taken from a book called "Al-Fatāwā Ash-Shar'iyyah fī Al-Qadhāyā Al-'Asriyyah," a collection of various rulings by Muhammad Ibn Fahd Al-Husayn.

² The Permanent Council for Research and Religious Verdicts (no. 21776, 12/25/1421 Hijrah).