

# Sharp rise in halal abattoirs slaughtering animals without stunning them first

[The Times](#) that the rise in non-stun killings was due to “stronger campaigning” from Muslims who wrongly believed that stunning killed animals.

Last week a petition demanding an outright ban on slaughtering animals without stunning them first attracted more than 100,000 backers. However the Government insisted it still had “no intention” of outlawing religious slaughter.