



## STREET FATWA - TAURUS

On this July 9th, 13th night of Muharram, 538th night of the Age of Aquarius, 1447 years after the Hijra of Muhammad ibn Abdullah (Sallallahu Ailayhi was Salaam), Yawmul Malikul Muhaymin.

RE: What is Halal Gaming?



## Sheikh of Hip Hop Answered:

### Hadith 1 of 2: Abu Bakr's Wager on the Persian-Byzantine War Outcome

This hadith narrates how **Abu Bakr (may Allah be pleased with him)** staked camels on the outcome of a war between the Persian and Byzantine empires, based on the prophecy in Surat *Ar-Rum*. It is recorded in *Jami' at-Tirmidhi* (hadith no. 3194, Chapter on Tafsir of Surat Ar-Rum). The full text is given below in Arabic and English:

- Arabic Text:** عن نيار بن مكرم الأسلمي قال: «لما نزلت: الم \* غُلِبَتِ الرُّومُ \* في أدنى الأرض وَهُمْ مِنْ بَعْدِ غَلِبِهِمْ سَيَغْلِبُونَ \* في بضع سنين... فخرج أبو بكر الصديق رضي الله عنه يصيح في نواحي مكة: الم \* غلبت الروم \* في أدنى الأرض وهم من بعد غلبهم سيغلبون \* في بضع سنين. فقال ناس من قريش لأبي بكر: فذلك بيننا وبينكم، زعم صاحبكم أن الروم ستغلب فارس في بضع سنين أفلا نراهنك على ذلك؟ فقال بلى». وكان ذلك قبل تحريم الرهان، فارتهن أبو بكر والمشركون وتواضعوا الرهان، وسموا بينهم ست سنين. فمضت الست سنين قبل أن يظهروا، فأخذ المشركون رهن أبي بكر. فلما دخلت السنة السابعة ظهرت الروم على فارس، فعاب المسلمون على أبي بكر تسمية ست سنين، فقال: إنما قال الله: «في بضع سنين». وأسلم عند ذلك ناس كثير.
- English Translation:** Narrated Niyār bin Mukram Al-Aslami: "When the verses 'Alif Lām Mīm. The Romans have been defeated in the nearest land, but after their defeat they will be victorious within a few (bid') years...' (Qur'an 30:1-4) were revealed, the Persians had defeated the Romans. The Muslims liked the Romans (People of the Book) to prevail over the Persians (pagans), whereas the Quraysh idolaters wanted the Persians to win. When Allah revealed these verses, **Abu Bakr As-Siddiq** came out proclaiming in Mecca: 'Alif Lām Mīm. The Romans have been defeated... and after their defeat will soon be victorious in a few years.' Some of the Quraysh challenged him: 'This is a wager between us and you. Your companion (Muhammad ﷺ) claims the Romans will defeat the Persians in a few years. Let's bet on this.' Abu Bakr said: 'Yes (let's wager).' So Abu Bakr and the pagans made a bet. They agreed on "a few years" = six years as the term...

**Source:** Jami' at-Tirmidhi, Hadith 3194 (Book 47, Hadith 246), graded *Sahih*. (See also Tafsir At-Tabari 21:18, which notes the Prophet ﷺ later told Abu Bakr to extend the term and increase the wager.)

### Hadith 2 of 2: Permissible Forms of Betting in Islam

Several hadiths clarify that Islam only allows **prize wagers** under certain conditions, so as to avoid gambling. The Prophet Muhammad صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم *only* permitted betting or prize competitions when **one side does not risk any stake** (a non-betting participant who can still win, known as a *muhallil*). Below is the relevant hadith on this subject:

### The “Muhallil” Condition – A Non-Betting Participant

- **Arabic Text:** عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: «مَنْ أَدْخَلَ فَرَسًا بَيْنَ فَرَسَيْنِ وَهُوَ لَا يَأْمَنُ أَنْ يُسْبِقَ فَلَيْسَ بِقِمَارٍ، وَمَنْ أَدْخَلَ فَرَسًا بَيْنَ فَرَسَيْنِ وَهُوَ يَأْمَنُ أَنْ يُسْبِقَ فَهُوَ قِمَارٌ».
- **English Translation:** *It was narrated from Abu Hurairah that the Messenger of Allah صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم said: “Whoever enters a horse in a race between two other horses, not knowing whether it will win, then that is *not* gambling. But whoever enters a horse (in a race) between two others, being certain that it will win, then that is *gambling*.”*

**Source:** Sunan Ibn Majah, Hadith 2876 (Book 24, Hadith 124). (Also reported in Sunan Abi Dawud, Hadith 2579, and Musnad Ahmad.) It is cited to explain that if two people wager in a race, introducing a **third participant who does not pay into the bet but can win the prize** legitimizes the competition and avoids it being gambling. This condition is a **form of permissible betting** in Islamic law.

### The Built-In Muhallil: Why Hip Hop Vegas Is a Halal Gaming Environment Within Ethereum Streets

Ethereum Streets isn’t just a blockchain—it’s a cultural operating system. Every decentralized app (DApp) on the network is part of a larger, interoperable economy where utility flows across domains. **Hip Hop Vegas**, the network’s competitive gaming and NFT wagering layer, isn’t a standalone casino—it’s embedded in a broader system that includes media streaming, wallet infrastructure, and tokenized incentives rooted in real-world cultural engagement.

Take, for example, **Hip Hop Stream**, our radio and music streaming DApp. Listeners earn **EAR tokens**—our native *Proof of Listen* reward—for simply tuning in. This has *nothing* to do with gambling, gaming, or Hip Hop Vegas. But here’s the key insight: those same tokens can be **used to place wagers in Hip Hop Vegas**. This means a user can participate in the competitive economy of Hip Hop Vegas **without spending a single dollar or risking any personal funds**.

This is more than a clever tokenomics loop—it’s a **built-in application of the “muhallil” principle**.

In the hadith, the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ forbade gambling, but allowed specific forms of competitive betting **so long as a non-paying third party (a *muhallil*) had a equal chance to win.**

Ethereum Streets doesn't just comply with this logic—it embodies it:

- **EAR tokens, EYE tokens etc. are earned, *not bought* and.. You get \$27 worth of ETH just for signing up!** Giving every user a free and fair shot at participating.
- This creates a **class of users who can wager without ever having risked capital**, fulfilling the essential condition of a *muhallil*.
- It aligns with the *halal* precedent of prize competition, where reward is permissible if the structure doesn't constitute mutual gambling.

So when someone places a bet in Hip Hop Vegas, that's not gambling Akhee.

Ethereum Streets didn't just build a platform. **We encoded a fiqh-compliant economy into the blockchain**—and Hip Hop Vegas is just our first expression, Insha' Allahul Aitheem.

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WITNESS MY NOBLE SEAL, Upper



WITNESS MY NOBLE SEAL, Lower



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