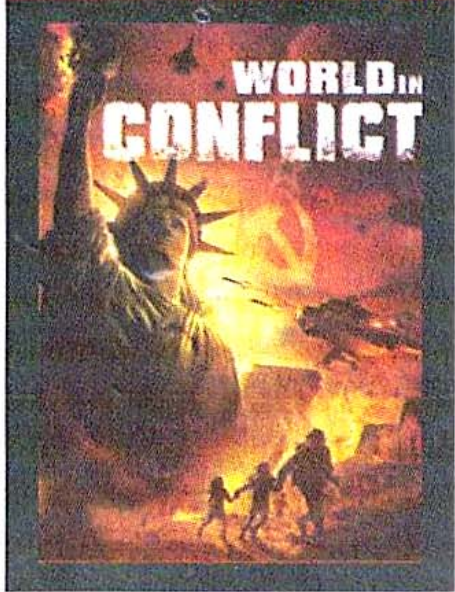


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## Eid-ul-Fitr Safety Deposits- better be cautious than sorry!

By Kimi

ALL the first minute/last minute shopping is nearly done. The wonderful clothes, shoes and accessories are just waiting and coveting to be worn for the first time; the gifts (yay!) have been wrapped; the food purchases have been covered, the hands are being decorated with delicate mehendi designs as we speak; and the plans of where to meet and what to do have been made... Ramadan's ending and Eid is just around the corner!

Doesn't it feel great? For all the well-off, the less fortunate, the beggars, the broke (me), and for all those who care only about shopping and gifts and all that, it's just overwhelming!

Now that our consecrated and cherished occasion is nearly here after a long happy month of fasting, it's fair to presume that we're all planning to go haywire (eating-and-hanging-out-wise) this Eid. It's great and it's definitely the occasion to do so, but it never hurts to keep some limits and enjoy Eid unharmed. Better be safe than sorry. Since nearly all of us here in RS have experienced a ruined Eid at least once in our lives, we thought it'd be thoughtful of us to at least remind you of the perils of immoderation

and how to experience one *jhakkanaka* Eid day... RS style:

### For Food:

The food this Eid is going to be so good and there are so many places to visit that it's natural to overeat (what with all the aunties and grandmas overfeeding us) so that we can keep everyone happy, ultimately resulting in hours in the toilet with loose motion throwing up. Here's our awesome guide to pre-overeating and still manage to everyone happy:

1) Don't let anyone serve you. Avoid hot and spicy food. Turn on your goody "na ami nibe niye nibo" mode and take one

little spoon of two/three items at best. Take your time to eat that.

2) People eat most in the 1<sup>st</sup> house visited. It's wise if food consumption is least there, so do that.

3) Lie: say you already ate. Let it be your first white lie after a month.

4) Take a LOT of your friends with you. It creates diversion.

5) And if you fail in carrying out all of the above instructions, here's the best advice: Take a plastic bag and keep collecting the food from your plate under the table as you move house to house. Then go home and invite everyone for a party with that food...weee!

### For Mugging:

Now this is a serious matter. People get mugged on Eid all the time, so listen seriously and be careful:

Do a quick *kolakoli* with the thug, and say that you'll only give the money if he bows down and does salaam to you...nah...just kidding! Seriously, if you are being mugged, give away your money and cell as quickly as possible. Don't argue. **SEE PAGE 3**

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#### A Quiet Room

Ah, peace at last. No need to move. No one to see. No need to talk. No one to hear. No one to hurt. No need to hide. No need to help. No one to hinder. No one to fight. No need to succeed. No need to act. No energy to waste. A small, quiet room we all shall be in... at the end of our lives.

By Iftikhar Azam

### Glimmer

It was very shiny, the little girl noticed. It made her look wide at the ears and to her, that was outrageously funny. She'd seen it before in the kitchen although her mother wouldn't let her touch it. At the butcher's, when no-one was watching, she tottered on her toes and reached out for the beautiful thing. It gently slid off the hook...

By Le Chupacabra

