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FOR the teeming millions, Eid-ul-Fitr, the largest religious festival of the Muslims is about a week away from today. After a month-long fasting, Eid brings joy of life for people from all walks of life and tightens social bonds. From a beggar, a day labourer or a rickshaw puller to a millionaire brandishing SUVs or to a hard-hit middle class individual Eid means renewing hope. All buy something for near and dear ones. Until late in the night thousands of men, women and children rush to the lavish shopping malls, where mannequins are dressed in the most attractive robes. Many more thousands of city dwellers rush to the pavements where countless number of hawkers sell anything from sandals to saris. As soon as the whistle for Eid holidays is blown, millions of people will leave the capital for their ancestral homes, which they had left behind in search of fortune in this capital. The capital then becomes enviously quiet and deserted.

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