



VERITABLE JOY OF IFTAR

In Dhaka, especially in the old part, iftar time is turned into a veritable gastronomical joy during the month of Ramadan. Traditional roadside eateries offer on sale anything from whole lamb roast to jumbo jilabias. Impoted dates, boiled beans and a variety of deep fried munchies mixed with puffed rice abound the display tables. In addition, shuti kebab, doi bora and a exotic mixture of boro baper polai khai (literally meaning 'eaten by great father's son') make the old Dhaka iftar bazaar more and more popular. At places like High Court mazaar up to 1,000 people are offered iftar completely free of cost every day for the entire period of Ramadan.

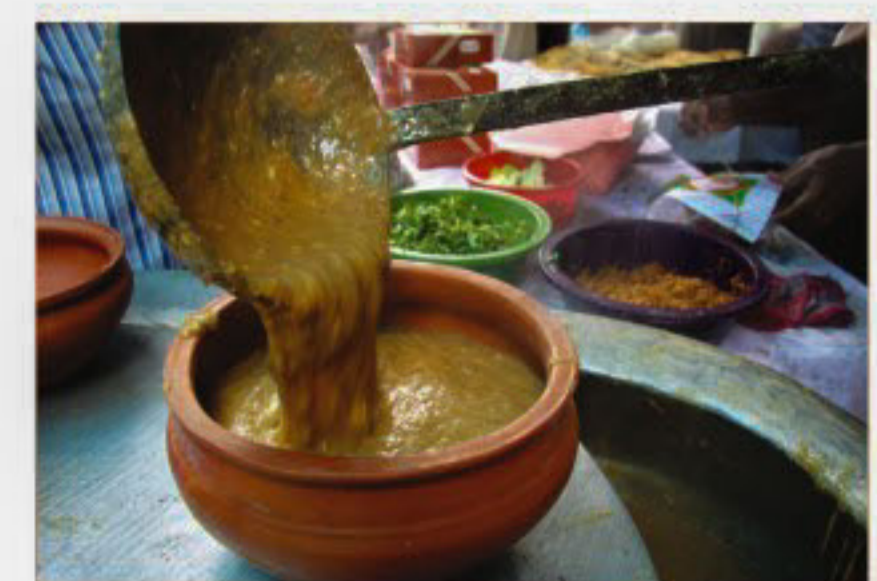


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