

Selina Hossain's fond memories of Eid



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Selina Hossain, one of the leading litterateurs of Bangladesh, has been writing for over four decades. Hossain was born on June 14, 1947 in Rajshahi. Her first book, a collection of short stories, came out in 1969 and she has written over 60 books to date. Hossain grew up in Bogra

and remembers Eid being ushered in a festive spirit. "Our village is beside the river of Korotoa. My father worked at a silk industry. Eid and Puja, we enjoyed both festivals. During that time, villagers were secular and enjoyed all religious festivals in full swing. The time was the late '50s. On Eid day my father used to go for hunting, particularly the Baiguri (a local bird). My mother roasted it and that was one of the mouth-watering items in my household. We went to a *mela* (fair), crossing the Korotoa River on the day and bought dolls, flutes and more.

"As children, Eid was more significant than any other day. Coming from a middle class family, it was always exciting for me to get new clothes on the occasion. I kept my new clothes under my pillow. On the day of Eid, I would wake up very early, then take a bath and go to the *Eidgah Maidan* with my friends. We waited there

for our parents.

"On the day we would visit friends, neighbours and relatives and collect *eid* from elders. The money was spent on buying chocolate and sweets.

"By midday, we would be busy eating; a waft of aroma would fill the air. *Khichuri*, *pulao*, beef *bhuna*, were the special items. *Shemai* and *halwa* have always been my favourite foods on Eid. My mother used to cook the *shemai* with thickened milk."

Hossain feels that people of all ages are now going through a critical time. "I think people are not really getting into the spirit of Eid nowadays. Over population and inequity in wealth distribution have made the society unstable. People should be more aware about their duties as human beings. We should give up all kinds of evil deeds, superstitions and undemocratic attitudes."



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Eid with the stars

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

This will be model slash actor Apurba's first Eid as a married man, making for even more festivity. He will share the joys of Eid with his family in Dhaka this year. Apurba admits that his wife will brighten up the colours of Eid. His plans include going on a long drive with his wife, with music playing on the car stereo as winds swish past them. He has not yet decided where to go, which will only be fixed on the night of Eid. Apurba confesses Eid is one his favorite times of the year.

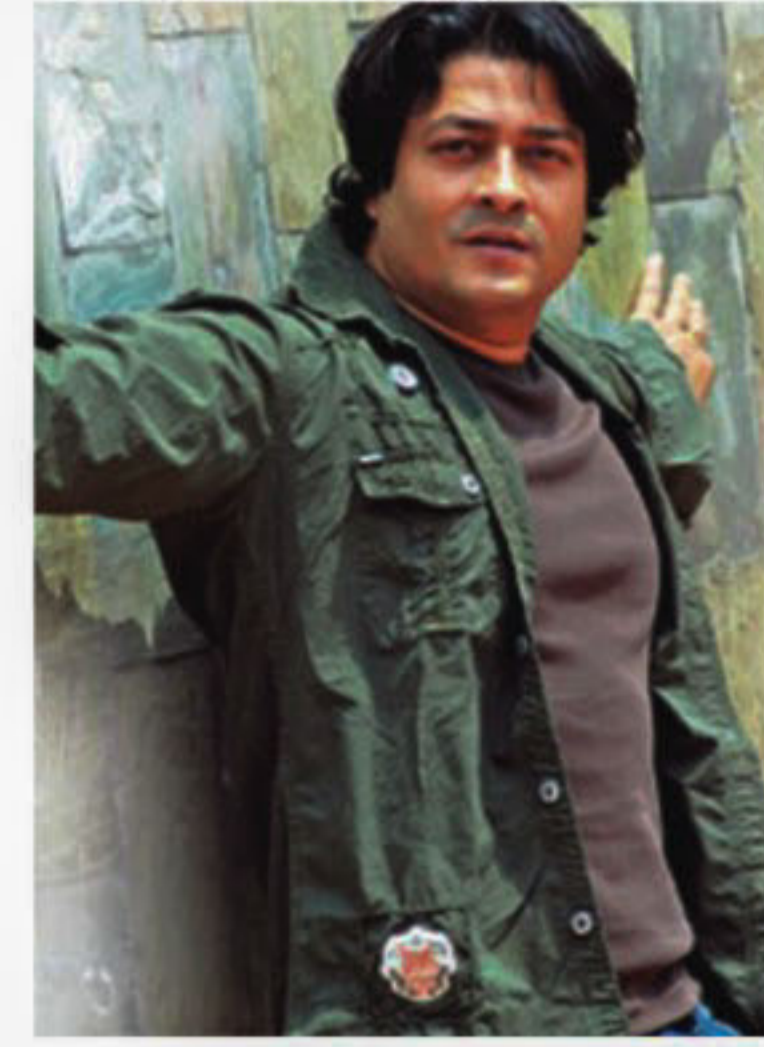
As he is immersed in Kolkata films, actor Ferdous always has a hard time deciding on where to spend Eid each year. This year however is different, as the popular actor has wrapped up his Kolkata commitments to enjoy Eid festivities at Dhaka with his wife, child, mother and brother. Admitting that the arrival of his child has added spice to his Eid delight, Ferdous says its always hard to be away from his family on Eid because of his busy schedules.

Ferdous plans to go out with his wife and child this Eid; with the destination remaining unknown. Sometimes longtime friends come to visit the actor, and Ferdous plans to chat with them and enjoy Eid delicacies.

Spending time with the family during Eid is far better than being on one's own, abroad. That's why famous actress Tarin will spend this Eid at home in Dhaka with her loved ones.

Childhood Eids were however more special and joyous, she says with small things like new dresses and endless messing around adding brighter colours to the festival.

Tarin looks forward to new dresses and makeup to blend in with the colourful occasion. Special dishes will also be in the oven,



Clockwise (from top-left) Apurba, Ferdous, Mosharraf Karim, Mir Sabbir and Tarin.

which the actress will share with her family.

The brightest aspect of Eid to Tarin is getting together with everyone, as the chance for casual 'addas' don't come so often.

Roaming around during Eid will not be on her routine of the day, but Tarin will visit her friends' house to spend time doing some leisurely chatting and feasting.

Popular actor Mosharraf Karim is all set to celebrate Eid, in England this year. "Though I prefer to observe such occasions with near and dear ones in the country, I have a packed schedule of 15 days, shooting for the TV

play 'Colour of Cambridge' in England," he says.

"As the Eid celebrations will coincide with my schedule, it will be a different experience observing the day with friends and also going for sightseeing. Celebrating Eid with the expats would be a welcome change as well," he said.

The 26-episode play is written by Masum Reza and directed by Yousuf Hasan Arko.

"The director of the play, my co-actress Golam Farida Chhonda and actor Jhuna Chowdhury will also accompany me," added Mosharraf.

Although he had plans to visit his

native home in Barguna this Eid, actor Mir Sabbir will be forced to remain in the capital because of a busy shooting schedule. The actor however wishes to spend Qurbani Eid with his relatives in Barguna. Mir Sabbir has therefore settled to staying at his Dhanmondi residence and enjoy the festivities with family members. Sabbir plans to visit his in-laws at Ashulia the evening after Eid, and spend some family time there as well. As the actor grew up in a riverine region, Mir Sabbir's plans this Eid include boating on the waterways in Ashulia, just as in his childhood days.



All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

ON Eid Day

ATN BANGLA

09:00 ATN Rannaghar
10:30 Eid Anandey Mati
11:15 Alpo Shalpo Alo
12:15 Bangla Feature Film: Doria Parer Douloti
03:45 Tele-film: Jol Jyotsna
06:10 Music Café
07:45 Drama: Ah Tirondaj
08:50 Eid Special Drama
10:40 Solo Musical Programme By Eva Rahman

CHANNEL I

09:30 Sholakia Eid-er Jamaat (Live)
10:25 Eid-er Khushi Eid-er Hashi
10:40 Purabi Eid Anondo
11:30 Drama: Aparajita
01:05 Bangla Feature Film: Third Person Singular Number
06:20 Behind The Scene of Abujh Bou
07:50 Drama: Rubix Cube
09:35 Drama: Point Three
12:00 Bhalobashar Bangladesh

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09:30 Abar Elo Eid
10:05 Bangla Feature Film: Bhalobeshay Bou Aanbo
02:30 Tele-film: Balaka Mon
05:30 Nokkhotro Jugal
08:10 Drama: Aa
06:15 Marks All-rounder Special Episode
08:15 Drama: Dalim Kumar
09:45 Dance Programme: Lagey Dol Hridoye
11:30 Drama: Click Click

ETV

09:30 Tarokader Kenakata
11:30 Chand Rater Galpo
12:02 Special Ekusher Dupur
12:30 Tomi Mian-r Recipe
01:30 Bangla Feature Film: Shathi Tumi Kaar
05:50 Dhaka Fashion Week 2010
06:30 Special Ekusher Shondhya
07:30 Drama: Omimangshito

News Bulletin

BTV
News Headlines (Bangla) at 9:00 am.
News (Bangla) at 8:00 am
2:00 pm. 5:00 pm. 8:00 pm.
News (English) at 10:00am, 4:00 pm.
10:00 pm.
Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).
CHANNEL-i
News (Bangla): 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am
ATN BANGLA
NEWS (Bangla): 7:00 pm,

10:00 pm, 11:00 pm, 1:00 pm, 4:00 am
News Every Hour: 7:00am, 11:00am, 12:00pm, 01:00pm, 3:00pm, 04:00pm
News (English): 9:00 am, 6:00 pm.
BANGLAVISION
News (Bangla) at 7:30am, 1:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm.
News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00am, 12:00am, 4:00pm.
News (English) at 6:00pm
Rtv
News (Bangla): 2:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 8:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am
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News (Bangla): 7:30am, 12:02pm, 2:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm, 1:00am
ETV
News (Bangla): 9:00am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 11:00pm
abc radio
News: 08:00 am, 12:00 pm, 03:00 pm, 06:00 pm, 09:00 pm, 12:00 am; English
Bulletin: 1:30pm, 7:30pm

08:30 Drama: Lolitar Eid

09:30 Drama: Shapla Studio

10:30 Musical Programme: Cine Eid

11:30 Drama: Obak

Bhalobasha

BANGLAVISION

10:10 Bangla Feature Film: Prithibi Tomar Amar
01:30 Banglavisoin Eid Ayojon
02:30 Tele-film: Shupatrer Shondhaney
06:05 Musical Programme: Choltey Choltey Dekha Holo
08:10 Drama: Tom-Jerry
09:40 Musical Programme: Ek Mutho Roddur
11:15 Drama: Ei Golper Naam Ki

RTV

10:00 Bangla Feature Film
02:45 Tele-film: Poltibatj
05:00 The Sweet Holiday
06:30 Drama: Mohor Sheikh
09:00 Drama: Pangkha
11:40 Drama: Katha

DESH TV

08:00 Musical Programme: Khuji Tarey Natun Korey
09:30 Kalpokler Galpo Katha
10:30 Bangla Feature Film: Monpura
02:30 Celebrity Show: Jaa Kichhu Prothom
03:02 Tele-film: Biborton
06:02 Musical Show: Prothom Gaan Prothom Prem
07:45 Drama: Jara Brishtitay Bhijechhilo
09:15 Musical Show: Phul Photey Bhalobeshay

BOISHAKHI TV

10:20 Bangla Feature Film: Shahoshi Manush
03:10 Tele-film: Genduchora O Tar Bhai Berador
06:10 Dance Show
07:50 Ciney Magazine: Taray Taray
08:30 Drama: Violin
10:30 Magazine: Eid-er Dhum
11:30 Live Musical Show

On Second Day of Eid

ATN BANGLA

10:30 Hashi Kashir Goppo
11:15 Eid Ananda Dot Com

12:15 Bangla Feature Film:

O Priya Tumi Kothay

03:45 Tele-film: Tin Geda

06:10 Parliament Eid Special

07:45 Drama: Onakghito

08:50 Drama: Noshto Bashor

10:40 Shah Ciment Nirmaner Taroka

CHANNEL i

10:30 Bangla feature Film: Abujh Bou
03:15 Tele-film: All The Best
05:30 Drama: Mokamtola
07:50 Drama: Highway
09:40 Drama: Harano Shur
12:00 Bhalobashar Bangladesh

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10:05 Bangla Feature Film: Dui Bodhu Ek Swami
02:30 Tele-film: Kobi O Jontor Montor
05:30 Satellite Eid
06:15 Nana Rong-er Manush
08:15 Drama: Amra Jegey Achhi
09:15 Game Show: Gugli
11:30 Drama: Prescription

ETV

10:02 Drama: Shapla Studio
11:30 Lolitar Eid
12:30 Tomi Mian-r Recipe
01:30 Bangla Feature Film: Swapner Bashor
05:50 Dhaka Fashion Week 2010
07:30 Eid Ananda Unlimited
08:30 Drama: Lolitar Eid
09:30 Drama: Amader Meherjan
10:30 Dola Dey
12:30 Phone O Live Studio Concert

BANGLAVISION

10:10 Bangla Feature Film: Abujh Shishu
02:30 Tele-film: Opekha
05:15 Gaan Ebong Fun
06:40 Ek Mutho Roddur
08:10 Drama: Service Holder
09:40 Hashyo Rongo
11:15 Drama: Aar Jabona Everest

DESH TV

10:30 Bangla Feature Film: Swashur Bari Jindabad
02:30 Fun Show: Desh e Galpo
03:02 Telefilm: Hattima Tim Tim
06:02 Kola Gachher Daugga Beta Oiley

Augga

07:45 Drama: Niruddesh

09:00 Drama: Monikar Proshtab

09:15 Fool Fall

RTV

10:00 Bangla Feature Film
02:45 Tele-film: Chhai Phul Aartish
05:00 Little Stars Eid Show
06:30 Drama: Mohor Sheikh
09:00 Drama: Breaking News
11:40 Phone O Live Studio Concert

BOISHAKHI TV

10:20 Bangla Feature Film: Mayer Morjada
03:10 Tele-film: Street Singer
05:20 Ekatturer Eid
06:10 Humour Show
07:50 Drama: Premier Naam Bedona Episode-1
08:30 Drama: Nokshikatha
10:30 Drama: Dhulobali
11:30 Musical Show

On Third Day of Eid

ATN BANGLA

10:30 Amra Korbo Joy
11:15 U-Rock
12:15 Bangla Feature Film: Mon Boshena Porar Table-e
03:45 Tele-film: Pitridaay
06:10 Musical Programme
07:45 Drama: Shei Chokh
08:50 Drama: Prokritostho
10:40 Magazine Programme: Panch Phoron

CHANNEL i

10:30 Drama: Jabbor Alir Takar Khela
12:05 Tele-film: Charbi
01:30 Tele-film: Amar Kathati Phuralo
04:30 Krishokh-er Eid Ananda
06:10 Musical Programme: Saleka Maleka
07:50 Drama: Khob
09:30 Drama: Opodartha

ntv

10:05 Bangla Feature Film: Swamir Shongshar
02:30 Tele-film: Je Jibon Phoring-Er
05:30 Kuri Thekey Pushpa
06:15 Duti Mon Aar Nei Dujonar
08:15 Drama: Maya Aar Mrityur Goppo
09:15 Game Show: G Factor
11:30 Drama: Nokkhotro Othoba

Nirjonotar Galpo

ETV

10:02 Drama: Meherjan
11:30 Lolitar Eid
01:30 Bangla feature Film: Shubho Bibaho
05:20 Ding Dong Bell
05:50 Dhaka Fashion Week 2010
07:30 Eid Ananda Unlimited
09:30 Drama: Amader Meherjan
10:30 Cine Eid
11:30 Drama: Som
12:30 Phone O Live Studio Concert

BANGLAVISION

10:10 Bangla Feature Film: Praner Manush
02:30 Tele-film: Patra Chai Na
05:15 Probashay Eid Ananda
06:05 Musical Programme: Tara Bhora Ratey
08:10 Drama: Arman Bhai Koya Parchhey
09:40 Konya Ononya Episode 1
11:15 Drama: Bhindeshi Tara

DESH TV

10:30 Bangla Feature Film: Chhutir Ghonta
02:30 Ekoi Brintey
03:02 Tele-film: Little Angel I Am Dying
06:02 Saat Ti Rang-er Majhey Ami Mil Khujey Na Pai
07:45 Drama: Shunye
09:15 Obosheshay Amra Ekhon

Rtv

10:00 Bangla Feature Film
02:45 Tele-film: Old Is Gold
05:00 Jadur Deshey Jabo
06:30 Drama: Mohor Sheikh
09:00 Drama: Lost And Found
11:40 Phone O Live Studio Concert

BOISHAKHI TV

10:20 Bangla Feature Film: Bhaiya
03:10 Tele-film: Shondehatit
05:20 Folk Tale Drama: Puppet Show
07:50 Drama: Premier Naam Bedona Episode-2
08:30 Khan Estate
10:30 Drama: Thataru
11:30 Musical Show