



## A TIME OF FAITH, A MOMENT OF JOY

**E**ID-UL-AZHA, the second biggest religious festival of the Muslim community, will be celebrated across the country on 27 October, with due fervour and the spirit of sacrifice. On this day, Muslims sacrifice animals and share the meat with their relatives, neighbours and the poor. The ritual commemorates the attempt by Hazrat Ibrahim to give up his dearest son Hazrat Ismail in sacrifice in deference to the wishes of Almighty Allah. Ahead of the festival, traders from different parts of the country through the cattle markets in the capital to sell animals at high prices. Thousands of city dwellers have already left the capital to share the joy of Eid with families and friends, notwithstanding the difficulties in their way and scarcity of tickets. And yet the happiness associated with Eid remains, long after the celebrations are over.

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